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Templar Celebrations in May! Grand Master's Message for May 2004

May is a month filled with many celebrations; the completion of another school year, spring celebrations, etc.; but there are three which should be particularly meaningful to us.

First, there is Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May. Our mothers are to be revered and honored for all that they have done for us.

I was very fortunate to have a mother who did so much for me that I shall never be able to repay her or enumerate it all here. One of the greatest things she did for me was to influence me to become a Freemason. She made sure that I participated in and kept my dues paid for DeMolay. I suspect that she might have gotten me the invitation to join that fine organization. (There were no Masons in our immediate family.)

Second, there is Memorial Day, May 30 or the fourth Monday. (That is still debated.) It is a day which many seem to use only as an excuse to get off work. It was set aside to remember those who have given their lives for our freedom. It is a day which we, as Templars, should be proud to honor and to celebrate.

The third celebration (and certainly not the least) is Ascension Day, forty days after Easter. This is the day when the Great Captain of Our Salvation ascended into heaven. We, as Templars, are one of very few organizations to continue to observe this most meaningful day in the ministry of Jesus. Let us not lose sight of the meaning of this day. We are taught that, as He departed, so shall He return. It is one of our Obligatory days. You should celebrate it at a Conclave before or after (or best, on that day which is May 20 this year).

Let us give thanks on each of these days, and may they inspire us to continue to work for the best interests of mankind.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth B. Fischer".

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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

MAY: Don't forget to celebrate all the remembrances in May! See the Grand Master's message on page 2, and read the Grand Prelate's Ascension Day message on page 13. The 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation will be over by the time you receive this. Check here for results as of April 9. Next month we'll have more information, and in July we will publish our usual comprehensive breakdown of the results. If you are a new contributor to a KTEF club, you are likely to find your name listed here! Join us for an 11-day cruise in Alaska, starting on August 26, 2004! Information is on page 12. Much is happening in the Grand Encampment: The Knights Templar Educational Foundation has some new regulations, page 10, and the Grand Master is pushing for increased drill team participation, and the drill committees are taking the challenge, page 11. Sir Knight Cole's saga of the Knights Templar continues to its end, page 26.

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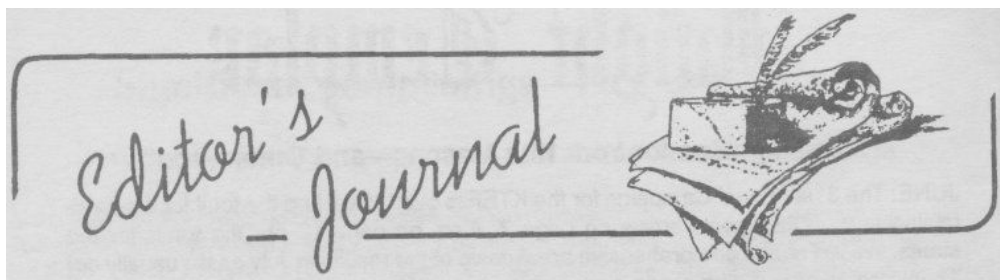
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2003-2006-Department Commanders Of The Grand Encampment

Robert P. Winterhalter

Right Eminent
Department Commander (2003-2006)
Northeastern (North) Department



Robert Philip Winterhalter married Cynthia Susan Cook in 1958. He is a member of Ashland Federated Church and involved in many activities of the church such as the Christian Education Committee; Head Usher; Delegate, Central Association, MA, United Church of Christ; Moderator, Central Association, MA, United Church of Christ; Delegate, General Synod, United Church of Christ.

Vocational: Mathematics and Driver Education Teacher, Holliston High School, 1962-1966; Junior High School Principal, Holliston, MA, 1966; High School Assistant Principal, Holliston, MA, 1967-69; President, Big W Trans, Inc., a bus company, 1963-1992; Transportation Director Concord Public Schools, MA, 1990-1996; Wellesley Public Schools, MA, 1997-1998; Millis Public Schools, MA, 1998 to present.

Civic Activities: Town of Ashland, MA, over 50 years continuous service in some capacity; Member, School Committee;

Member, Charter Commission; Town Moderator; Election Official; Member, Historical Commission; Member, Community Preservation Act Committee; Member, Republican Town Committee.

Military: Commissioned, Second Lieutenant Signal Corps, 1952; Korea, 1952-1953; Retired as a Major, 1976; Member, U.S. Army Signal Corps OCS Association; Member, Military Officers Association of America.

Grand Commandery: Grand Commander, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 1989-1990; Chairman, Educational Foundation; Chairman, Easter Sunrise Committee; Knight Commander of the Temple; Member, Grand Master's Club.

Commandery: Knighted, Milford Commandery No. 11, Milford, MA; Commander, 1981-1983; Treasurer; Treasurer, Uniform Sales Committee.

Council of Royal and Select Master Masons: Greeted, Milford Council; Illustrious Master, 1998-1999; Member, Massachusetts Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters.

Royal Arch Chapter: Exalted, Concord Chapter, Framingham, MA, High Priest, 2000.

Blue Lodge: Raised in North Star Lodge, Ashland, MA; Master, 1979, 2001; President, Trustees of North Star Lodge; District Deputy Grand Master, 1984-1985; Senior Instructor, 15th Lodge of Instruction; Proxy to Grand Lodge.

DeMolay: Member, Framingham Chapter 1942; Master Councilor, 1947; Chapter Advisor, 1959-1975; District Deputy Executive Officer, 1963-1975; Active Member, DeMolay Legion of Honor, 1961; President, Massachusetts Court LOH, 1984-1985.

Other Masonic Affiliations: Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Boston; Past District Deputy Grand Masters Association of Massachusetts; Colonial Council No. 19, Knight Masons of New England; Bay State Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Boston, MA; Mayflower York Rite College No. 105, Massachusetts, Associate Regent, Order of the Purple Cross; Aletheia Grotto, Worcester, MA; Priory No. 52, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Massachusetts; Aleppo Shriners, AAONMS, Wilmington, MA; Bay State

Chapter No. 12, National Sojourners, Inc.; Heros of '76, Narraganset Bay Chapter No. 14, Rhode Island.

In the Grand Encampment, he was Chairman of the Religious Activities Committee, 1997-2000, and Chairman of Civic and Patriotic Committee, 2000-2003. He was appointed Right Eminent Northeastern Department Commander (North) at the 62nd Triennial Conclave in August 2003 by M.E. Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer.

Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.

Right Eminent
Department Commander (2003-2006)
Northeastern (South) Department



Ed was born on August 7, 1941, in Elizabethtown, Essex County, New York, the son of the late Edwin Richard and Lucile Lamson Carpenter. He graduated from high school with honors and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served tours of duty in both the U.S. and Germany, with the Corps of Engineers. He was honorably discharged in 1965 having served six and one-half years.

Ed and his wife Sharon have been married for thirty-three years; they have five children and eleven grandchildren. Ed is a carpenter specializing in

architectural millwork installation and has more than 30 years as a member of Local 1665 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Ed attended paralegal school, and after graduation worked in the Circuit Court of the city of Alexandria for four years.

Ed and Sharon are members of St. George's United Methodist Church in Fairfax, VA.

Ed follows in a long tradition in Freemasonry as his father, both grandfathers, a great-grandfather, and three uncles were Masons. His brother and one son are also Masons.

Masonic memberships: Henry Lodge No. 57, A.F. & A.M., Fairfax, Virginia, Worshipful Master, 1987 (life member); A. Douglas Smith Jr., Lodge of Research No. 1949, A.F. & A.M., Alexandria, Virginia, W.M., 1993; Sisco Lodge No. 259, F. & A.M., Wadhams, New York; Texas Lodge of Research, A.F.&A.M.; Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. of Virginia, Grand Junior Steward, 1991; Philalethes Research Society; life member, 1985; Loudoun Royal Arch Chapter No. 55, Virginia, High Priest, 1985-86 (life member); Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia, Grand Marshal, 1991, District Deputy Grand High Priest, 1994; Adoniram-Zabud Council No. 2, Cryptic Masons, Washington, D.C.; Piedmont Commandery No. 26, Knights Templar (Virginia),

Commander, 1991-92, (life member) (Exemplary); Arlington Commandery No. 29, Knights Templar (Virginia), life member; Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Virginia, Grand Commander, 2001-2002; Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Vermont near the Grand Commandery of Virginia; Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A., Knight Commander of the Temple, 1997; Virginia Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor, life member; Maryland Chapter, Order of Knights Preceptor (Charter Member); Washington & Lee York Rite College No. 93, Governor, 1994-95, life member; York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Service Award-1991, Order of the Purple Cross of York-1993, Grand Herald-1994, 2000, Herald General, 2000-2002; Virginia Council No. 12, Knight Masons, Excellent Chief, 1994, life member; Grand Council Knight Masons of the U.S.A., Grand Treasurer, 1995-2002, Grand Treasurer Emeritus; Lord Fairfax Council No. 90, Allied Masonic Degrees, Sovereign Master, 1994; Perfect Ashlar Council No. 349, Allied Masonic Degrees, Charter Secretary! Treasurer; Nor-VA Forest No. 163, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of N.A., Grand Tall Cedar, 1989, Scribe, 1992-1997; Temple Forest No. 136, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of NA; Rose of Sharon Priory No. 2, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, life member, KYGCH, 1 quadrant; Nova Vita

Tabernacle No. 73, I-IRAKTP Preceptor, 1999-2000; Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.; Alexandria Scottish Rite Bodies (Virginia), 32^o, life member; Royal Order of Scotland, life member; Old Dominion Chapter No. 364, National Sojourners, Inc., life member; Hope Chapter No. 73, O.E.S.; International Order of DeMolay, Legion of Honor (Honorary).

Honorary Memberships: York Rite Grand Bodies of Alabama, York Rite Grand Bodies of Florida, Grand Commandery K.T. of New Hampshire, Grand Commandery K.T. of New Jersey; Grand Commandery K.T. of New York, York Rite Grand Bodies of North Carolina; Grand Commandery K.T. of Ohio; York Rite Grand Bodies of South Carolina; Grand Commandery K.T. of Vermont; Crusade Commandery No. 17, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Civic Activities include: Historical Society of Fairfax County, Virginia; Northern Virginia Association for History, Inc.; Fairfax Genealogical Society; Northern Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited (Charter Member).

He was appointed R.E. Northeastern (South) Department Commander at the 62nd Triennial by M.E. Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 20, 2003.

Sid C. Dorris III

Right Eminent

Department Commander (2003-2006)
Southeastern Department

Sid Cornelius Dorris III was born November 3, 1947, in Nashville, Tennessee. He was educated in the public schools of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, and graduated from the School of Modern Photography in 1968.

He served in the United States Army Reserves from 1966-1973 as a PIO Photographer.



He has been employed by the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee, since 1965 and has been the Photography Manager for the past twenty-three years.

Sir Knight Dorris is a member of the Hermitage United Methodist Church.

He married Sherry L. Damron in 1970, and they have one child, Chad Brandon Dorris (Tia).

His Masonic affiliations are: Raised in McWhirtersville Lodge No. 375, 1974, serving as Worshipful Master in 1985 and presently serving as a Trustee; served the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Tennessee on the Appeals and Grievances Committee and as the Grand Photographer from 1976-2002. In March of 2003 he was elected and is presently serving as Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Tennessee. He is a member of the East, Middle, and West Tennessee Past Masters Associations, Past President of the Middle Tennessee Association. Exalted in Donelson Chapter No. 234, 1975, he served as High Priest, 1985, 2001, and received the Order of High Priesthood, 1986; Greeted in Nashville Council No. 1, 1975, served as Illustrious Master, 1986, and received the Order of the Silver Trowel, 1987. He was Knighted in Nashville Commandery No. 1, 1975, served as Commander in 1986, present Trustee, and received the Knights Crusader of the Cross, 1988. He is a Past Knights Crusader of the East, and Past Grand Commander, Knights Templar of

Tennessee, 1994; Aide De Camp, 1997-2000, for the Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA; and Public Relations Committee, Co-chairman of the 61st Triennial Conclave held in Nashville, Tennessee, during August 2000. He served on the Public Relations Committee, 2000-2003, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar USA.

He was Knighted KYCH in 1987, Tennessee Priory No. 15, KYGCH, 1994, and presently is serving as Orator. He is a member of Tralee Council No. 41, Knight Masons; Old Hickory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Puissant Sovereign, 1997; TN College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, Past Celebrant and present Secretary; Middle Tennessee York Rite College No. 143, Governor, 1992, holder of the Order of the Purple Cross; Arch E. McClanahan Council 358, Allied Masonic Degrees, present Sovereign Master; member of Holy Tabernacle No. XLVIII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; member of the Valley of Nashville, A. & A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction, received KCCH in 1991, and was coronated as Inspector General Honorary of the 33^o in 2003; member of the Royal Order of Scotland; member of Buchanan Chapter No. 286, Order of the Eastern Star; member of Al Menah Shrine Temple.

He was appointed Right Eminent Southeastern Department Commander, 2003-2006, Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA, by Most Eminent Grand Master, Kenneth B. Fischer, at the 62nd Triennial Conclave, August 2003.

Steven J. Barton

Right Eminent
Department Commander (2003-2006)
East Central Department

Steven Jack Barton was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 10, 1944, the eldest child of Branson C. (Bill) Barton and Doris Ruth (Poer) Barton.

Steve graduated from Charlottesville High School in 1963. He graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, in 1970 with a B.S. in chemistry and biology. Steve married Sherry Freeman in 1966. They have three children; Tammy, Scott, and Adam; and seven grandchildren. Steve and Sherry are members of the Charlottesville United Methodist Church in



Charlottesville, Indiana, where Steve has served the church as a member and chairman of the Administrative Council and Board of Trustees, and they are currently attending Park Chapel Christian Church in Greenfield. Steve retired from Eli Lilly and Company in 2002.

Steve was Raised a Master Mason in Golden Rule Lodge No. 16 located in Knightstown, Indiana, on December 28, 1965, just eighteen days after his twenty-first birthday. He served as Worshipful Master in 1978 and again in 1992. He also served the lodge as its Secretary in 1972. Steve was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Knightstown Chapter on March 18, 1966, serving as High Priest for the first time in 1971. He was Greeted a Select Master in Cryptic Council on March 19, 1966, and served as Illustrious Master for the first time in 1971. He was created a Sir Knight in Knightstown Commandery on March 20, 1966, and served as Commander in 1971. Steve is currently the Secretary/Recorder of the York Rite Bodies of Knightstown. He has been a member of Knightstown Commandery Drill Team since 1966 and has served as Captain since 1973. Under Steve's command Knightstown Commandery has won four Grand Encampment Knights Templar drill competitions in Class A drills.

Steve is a member of the Shirley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a member

of the Valley of Indianapolis of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Other Masonic Orders and Honors: Steve is a member and a Past Preceptor of Gennesaret Tabernacle No. XVII of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a member and a Past Sovereign of St. Basil Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Steve was regularly admitted into the Indiana Council of Anointed High Priests and received the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master in March 1972. He was inducted into the Indiana Past Commanders Association on April 27, 1986. He is a member of Marvin L. Isley York Rite College No. 129, York Rite Sovereign College. He is a member of Indiana Priory No. 8, Knights of the York Cross of Honour. Steve is a member of the Willard M. Avery Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees and is also a recipient of the International Order of DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Steve served the Grand Commandery of Indiana as a Deputy Battalion Commander, Battalion VI, for Sir Knight Robert E. Price, in 1978-1979. He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, in April 1986 in Vincennes, Indiana. He progressively advanced through the Grand Commandery line and was elected and installed Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave held in April 1990 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is a 1994 recipient of the prestigious Knight Commander of the Temple Award from the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Grand Encampment appointments: Steve was appointed in August 1994 as a member of the Committee on Drill Regulations for the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A., and served as its chairman during the 61st Triennial. Steve has accepted the appointment of the Department Commander for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment during the 63rd Triennium.

The 4 remaining Department Commanders in the June issue!

A Message from the Chairman of the Grand Encampment's Committee on Educational Foundation...

**Knights Templar Educational Foundation
Regulations Approved:**

Exciting improvements to the Knights Templar Educational Foundation have been implemented by the Grand Encampment Committee on Educational Foundation.

"Grants and Scholarships are now strongly emphasized"

Essentially these revisions change the main philanthropic thrust of the Educational Foundation from student loans to educational grants and scholarships. This is a permissive revision; each State Division may still originate student loans.

Government guaranteed loans and institutional loans are today easily available to students in contrast to the lack of such loans when our Foundation began its loan program back in the 1930s. There is little public relations' value in loans, especially when they have to be turned over to a collection agency for delinquency. However, grants and scholarships are very much appreciated and bring the name of the Knights Templar to the attention of the young people of our country.

With grants and scholarships, the work of the Division (state) Committees is greatly simplified, as compared to the complexities of originating and collecting student loans.

All Division net earnings are automatically authorized for use in grants and scholarships, less operating costs and a small holdback to

offset the effects of inflation. In this way the value of Division assets will be preserved, not only through the holdback but through the elimination of bad loan losses.

Grants and scholarship generation can be easily achieved by working with student financial aid offices at nearby colleges, establishing grant and scholarship criteria, and then reviewing screened student grant and scholarship applications forwarded by the financial aid office; also, by working with the various youth groups within the Division.

Society is changing rapidly. The world, which existed in 1922 when the Educational Foundation was conceived and when it was implemented in 1932, no longer exists. We need to revise the way we use the funds of the Educational Foundation.

We urge you to carefully review the revised "Regulations and Standard Practice of the Committee on Educational Foundation" and embrace the new emphases of grants and scholarships. It will reduce your work load and enhance your visibility and that of Templary in a very positive manner.

Courteously yours,
David L. Kempfer, Sr.
P.G.C. (PA)

Chairman of the Committee on
Educational Foundation

Sir Knight Kempfer resides at 614
Drexel Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Grand Master Issues Proclamation and Puts It In Writing!

The March issue of the *Knight Templar* magazine emphasized the importance the Grand Master places on Drill Teams and their participation in state and national competition. He has emphasized that the objective of competition is to perfect Templar drills, as well as increase interest and esprit de corps in local and Grand Commanderies.

The members of the Committee on Drill Regulations and those of the Field Drill Advisory Committee have enthusiastically accepted the challenge of our Grand Master and intend to present an aggressive plan to increase drill team participation at the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the USA.

The members of the committees are as follows:

Committee on Drill Regulations: Sir Knights Franklin C. Boner, P.G.C. (Ohio), Chairman; O. Reed Bolen, P.G.C. (California); Douglas Mitchell, P.G.C. (Texas); and Henry Lahurreau, P.G.C. (Indiana).

Advisory on Field Drill: Sir Knights Earl Tweed, P.C. (Texas); Michael H. Shively, P.G.C. (Texas); George D. Kivett, P.C. (Indiana); Richard Cooper, P.G.C. (California); Charles R. Farrell, P.G.C. (Wisconsin); James C. Taylor, P.D.C. (Oklahoma); and Bruce D. Basil, G.C.G. (Ohio).

Drill Competition will be held Saturday, August 12, 2006, at the George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas. Our Grand Master is writing all of the drills for the Triennial Conclave, and he plans on them being available on the Grand Encampment web page at www.knightstemplar.org by June of this year.

Having been previously briefed on the Grand Master's plans for drills, the members of this committee believe that there will be a drill available that will fit the membership and expertise level of every Grand Commandery in this Grand Encampment. Your committee pledges its support and availability to each Grand Commander who requires assistance in preparing his Grand Commandery for the Triennial Drill Competition.

Your committee will use subsequent issues of the *Knight Templar* magazine to issue plans and progress reports.

Holland America Line

Schedule of each day's activities:

- Day 1:** Overnight in downtown Anchorage.
- Day 2:** Board a McKinley Explorer domed railcar for luxury sightseeing at Anchorage/Denali National Park. Overnight at the Chalet Resort.
- Day 3:** Tundra Wilderness tour of Denali National Park and overnight in Fairbanks.
- Day 4:** Get a taste of history touring the Gold Dredge No. 8 in Fairbanks; then, fly to Anchorage and transfer by deluxe motorcoach to Seward in time for dinner and festive bon voyage party!
- Day 5:** College Fjord Cruising.
- Day 6:** Glacier Bay National Park.
- Day 7:** Sitka.
- Day 8:** Juneau.
- Day 9:** Ketchikan.
- Day 10:** Inside Passage Cruising.
- Day 11:** Disembark in Vancouver.

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The Grand Prelate's Ascension Message

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

"As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'"



The Ascension tends to be neglected among the great mysteries of the life of Jesus Christ. We commemorate the birth of Jesus in the great joy of Christmastide. We appreciate the magnitude of his death on the cross on Good Friday. We celebrate the glory of the triumphant fulfillment of that sacrifice in the Resurrection on Easter. But the Ascension? Coming forty days after Easter, it is tucked away on a seemingly ordinary Thursday, mostly unnoticed. Thank God that we, as Knights Templar, are led to commemorate this great event in the life of our Lord - either on Ascension Day or the Sunday following.

We understand the place of the Ascension only if we see it in relationship to the other events in the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus was born as one of us so that he could enter into the human situation as our Savior. He came to rescue us from our ultimate enemies: Sin and Death. By his sacrificial death Jesus won the victory over sin and death, and that victory was manifested in the empty tomb and his Resurrection appearances. He had made the passage through the dark valley of the shadow of death and emerged triumphant in the light of the Resurrection.

But Jesus did not rise from the dead merely to take up again the earthly life that began with his conception and birth. The Ascension shows that he rose from the dead to a *new* life. In him, our earthbound, mortal, human life was transformed into heavenly life, beyond the powers of sin and death. His Ascension was his return to his Father, his glorification in heaven at God's right hand, his exaltation as the *Lord of Life*.

The Ascension is an integral part of the Resurrection itself, as the fruit is part of the tree or a flower in full bloom is the purpose of the stem and the root. The Ascension indicates the *fullness* and the *newness* of the risen life of Jesus. We really cannot imagine what this resurrected life will be like. In fact, we don't even have a good word or phrase to describe it. But there is one word you will hear: "glory" It was the glorification of Jesus. He ascended to a life of glory.

Our Life

The Ascension of Jesus is important to Christians because life is precious. We cling to life in this world, despite all the sorrow, all the pain, all the frustrations of human existence. We cling to this life because it is the only life we know. And yet we really do not want this kind of life forever. We yearn for a more perfect life, when "there shall be an end to death, and to mourning and crying and pain; for the old order has passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

In times past, men searched for the fountain of youth, so that they might always be young, and never die. Their searching strikes us today as naive. But some scientists today, perhaps just as naive, probe into the aging process in hope of finding a way to prolong life indefinitely. Such searching and probing miss the point. The life for which we are made is not found in this world, but in heaven. To find it we must, like Jesus, pass through death into eternal life by sharing in his Resurrection and Ascension into the heavenly realms. "We are all weary pilgrims, anxiously looking forward to that asylum above, where we shall rest from our labors and be at peace forever."

Hope

We have been called into a great hope in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him our frail human nature has been raised to glory, and one day his glorious heritage will be ours. We do not have to fear the physical aging process that will inevitably lead to death. We need to fear only the disruptive power of *sin*, which alone can destroy us. Jesus has given us the victory over sin. At this Ascension Season, as we look toward heaven, toward Jesus in glory at the right hand of the Father, we do so with belief that he shall come again, in power and great glory, to raise us to share in his fullness of life and glory everlasting.

The above message was written by Sir Knight and Reverend Thomas G. Keithly, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America. Sir Knight Keithly resides at 1612 Kiltartan Drive, Dallas, TX 75228



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 Is History...

Thanks for making it a SUCCESS!

I'm not sure where the last five months have gone, but we have reached the end of the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign.

I would like to thank everyone for his or her support by donations and fund-raising! I hope that each of you had a great time while raising funds for our charity.

I know we have been successful, but we will have to wait until next month for the final accounting and recognition of your outstanding efforts, and in July, as usual, we will publish a comprehensive breakdown of all the results.

Following this note will be more listings of those who have contributed to our special programs.

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 Dr, Vestal, NY 13850-4036



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Please turn to page 21 for additional coverage of the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign!

The following topics were taken from The Building and Sustaining Templar Member Booklet that was published by the Committee on Membership of the Grand Encampment in May 2002. Dated "Crusade" information is still viable.

Organized Planning Before Launching a Membership Campaign

A membership campaign requires careful and exhaustive organized planning before being launched. A Commandery that rushes pell-mell into a membership campaign without prudent deliberation and a complete, detailed and well-thought-out plan of action is apt to fail.

The first consideration of a membership campaign is to evaluate the situation and adopt an overall plan - just like an architect would do before starting the erection of a building. The plan must run the gauntlet of hard analysis by Sir Knights with mature experience and skill in each local community. A Commandery should welcome suggested alterations of the proposed plan that would put it to the test of practicality.

Such a plan needs to contemplate the selection of the right men for the job. It should also include the indoctrination of those Sir Knights whose loyalty, zeal and stature in the community give convincing evidence of their willingness and capacity to participate. The plan needs to be placed in the hands of men who will give it the necessary time and attention to follow through until it is successfully concluded.

Before it begins there must be intensive preparatory work and complete understanding between everyone having any part in the work. A few hours spent in careful planning at the outset will save untold hours of effort for the entire team. As in modern business, organized planning will spell the difference between success and failure.

Many excellent plans have failed because the process of implementation was not rock-solid. In order to consider a membership campaign successful, it must have the process of implementation well defined, measurable (to see that it is meeting the goal), and a high level of accountability.

Several 'supplements' will be found on the following pages that provide examples of proper planning techniques.

"Begin Planning Now"

As you know, *Saturday, [Month/Day/Year]* has been designated as the primary target date that Commanderies have been requested to confer the Order of the Temple on more than two thousand new Knights Templar. Think of it, thousands being Knighted and welcomed into this Order on the same day worldwide! What a marvelous way to begin a new century emphasizing membership development and preserving our Christian heritage!

This goal is achievable if the Officers of each Commandery begin to plan for this event now. No, we cannot achieve this goal if all Commanderies do not participate. Yes, many Officers and Sir Knights possess good leadership and planning skills to methodically organize and coordinate the conferral of the Orders on single or multiple candidates. What can we learn from them, and how do they effectively organize their activities?

A Positive Attitude

Many are in agreement that the success of any project begins with a positive attitude. Some refer to this as a "can do" spirit. Leaders in any organization possess

this trait and display it frequently. It is a contagious spirit and usually becomes a virtue of the entire leadership team.

If the Officers or members of a Commandery believe they may not be able to contribute to the goal, then a reminder of an age-old quote might be appropriate:

"If you keep on doing the things that you have been doing, then you'll continue to get exactly what you've been getting!"

Take Advantage of the Skills Available

We know that each Commandery has Sir Knights possessing great skills and talents. Ask them to become a part of this great Crusade even if they may not have attended a Stated Conclave recently. The use of their talents will make a significant difference. Don't forget to include the ladies in the event planning, as they too will contribute to the overall success. In particular, the Chapters of the Social Order of Beauceant have always supported the Knights Templar and can always be counted on. Invite the Companions of local Chapters and Councils as the entire York Rite benefits from the effort.

An Effective Implementation Plan

Develop a new list of all the activities that will be needed to make the event a success. Start with reserving the Asylum for the event. A suggested "check list" is included as a reminder, but please remember that this will be a "premier event" requiring premier planning.

Begin to Target New Members and Restorations

The "Crusade" targets both new members and restorations. We know that the Symbolic Lodges provide us with the primary source for new Christian Masons. Templar Membership committees should consider targeting Masons with current brochures that summarize Templary and its philanthropies.

Acquire a list of non-York Rite Masons from your Symbolic Lodge, and divide the names into smaller lists. Ask for volunteers from the Chapters and Councils to assist, and try to include Masons that you personally know on your list.

Selling Templary

The "one-on-one" sales technique has historically been the most effective. Prepare an updated Commandery membership roster, a description of its activities, family involvement, community projects, and the benefits of joining our Christian Masonic Order. Know something about our philanthropies. What were the benefits that inspired you to join? Share them. Also, provide recognition to the Sir Knights that are successful in gaining new members or restorations.

Today's Relevance

A nationally known religious leader once said that if you put God first, everything else falls into place. How simple, and yet how profound. This is the spirit of Knights Templar today! There are many Masons that will enjoy and appreciate membership in this great Order. All you have to do is tell them what we stand for and ask them to join. Let's show everyone that we are as good as we say we are!

The article on pages 16 and 17 was submitted by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes; H.P.D.C., P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, and the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations. He is a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. Write: Charles A. Garnes, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944 or e-mail: charles.garnes@verizon.net

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!

**Brother A. Ralph Horibeck: Supreme Tall Cedar of
Tall Cedars of North America for the Year 2004**

At a midwinter conference held at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, January 16-18, Past Supreme Tall Cedar Albert H. Hensinger installed Brother A. Ralph Horibeck as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of North America for the year 2004.

Ralph's father-in-law introduced him to the Masonic Fraternity. In November of 1966, Ralph was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Hiawatha Lodge No. 439 in Mount Vernon, New York.

Upon moving to the Kresgeville, Pennsylvania area, Ralph became very close to some Masonic Brethren. In 1981 he joined Pocono Forest No. 124 in Stroudsburg. He was elected Grand Tall Cedar in 1984. In 1986 PSTC Albert H. Hensinger appointed him Supreme Sentinel.

In 1987 he served as Tall Cedar Foundation Trustee for District No. 8. He has also served as Supreme Provost Guard and served three years as Supreme Scribe. He has served as Trustee and is currently Scribe and Treasurer of his own Forest.

Ralph is also a member of the Valley of Allentown Consistory, Pocono High Twelve, Past President of the Officers and Past Officers of District No. 8 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Treasurer of the Rimrock Masonic Association.

After Ralph relocated to the Poconos, he received his real estate license, and in 1982 he became the proud owner of Century 21 Harvest Real Estate in Broadheadsville, Pennsylvania. Ralph's daughter, Patricia, is his administrative assistant.

Ralph has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Polk Township in 1988 and 1989 and also served as President of the Pocono Mountain Board of Realtors. He has also served as District Vice President of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors, and sat on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Realtors. Ralph was also appointed by then Governor Casey as the Realtor Representative on the Pennsylvania Rural Development Council. He also has served a two-year term as President of the Polk Township Volunteer Fire Co.

Ralph and his wife Shirley belong to Salem-St. Paul Lutheran Church where he has served as Vice President of the Church Council.



Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 2004

Pictured at right is the Supreme Tall Cedar of North America, Brother A. Ralph Horibeck from Kresgeville, Pennsylvania, along with the Goodwill Ambassador for the year 2004, Zachary Ondechek. Zachary was born on January 26, 1993, and was diagnosed with Duehenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of four. St. Georges, Delaware, is home to Zachary, his parents Kenneth and Mary Agnes, his older brother Kenneth, Jr., and his younger sister Rachael.



A third grader at Southern Elementary School, he enjoys being outdoors, playing on the computer, and video games.

A Special Olympian, he participates in soccer, basketball, and bowling. He is also involved in the Challenger Baseball League.

Zachary has been actively involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, attending such events as Area Lock-ups, Harley Davidson functions, and the Black and Blue Ball. He loves to attend the MDA Summer Camp where he enjoys swimming, arts and crafts, and the various sports.

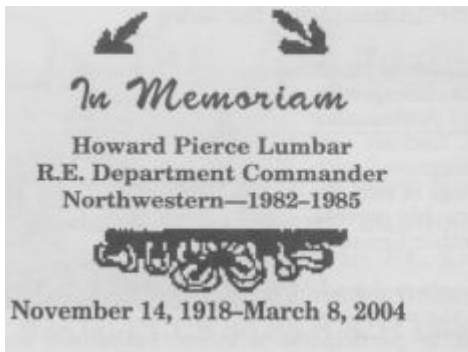
The Discovery Channel and Animal Planet are his favorite television channels.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 16,000 members in 102 Chapters, called Forests, throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over fourteen and one half million dollars to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Indianapolis Assembly No. 90, Indiana, S.O.O.B., Initiates 8



On February 17, 2004, Indianapolis Assembly No. 90 initiated 8 new sisters: Tiffany Ingles, Tori Allen, Mary Jackson, Kathryn Whisner, Tracy Whisner, Colleen Whisner, Jennifer Herring, and Leah Everett. Pictured with the new sisters are the Worthy President Mrs. Randall Schutz and her officers. This large class was made possible because of the new law change in Indiana by which mothers and daughters of Knights Templar may now join the Social Order of the Beauceant. Tiffany Ingles is the daughter of the then Grand Commander of Indiana, George A. Ingles.



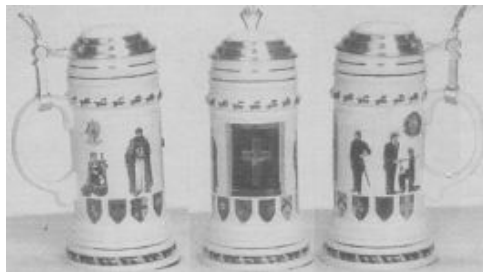
Born in Kansas and living for some time in Colorado and Utah, Sir Knight Lumbar was a longtime resident of Spokane, Washington. He worked for American Telegraph and Telephone Company and Pacific Northwest Bell Company.

He was created a Knight Templar in Utah Commandery No. 1, Salt Lake City, and transferred to Cataract Commandery No. 3, Spokane, Washington, where he served as E. Commander; 1957, 1965, and 1970. He was elected and served as R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Washington in 1977-1978 and served

as Grand Representative to Maryland. He was a Past High Priest of Chapter and a Past Master of Council, served in the grand line of the Grand Council of Washington, R. & S.M. Also, he was a Past Sovereign, R.C.C.; Past Preceptor, HRAKTP; Past Patron, O.E.S.; a member of El Katif Shrine Temple, where he was an active participant of the band for many years and President and Secretary of the band. Sir Knight Lumbar was appointed R.E. Department Commander, Northwestern, by M.E. Ned E. Dull, August 1982.

Past Commander's Stein to Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The stein is made of white ceramic from Brazil, is 8 and 1/2 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 1900s, 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



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The OPC Club recognizes Sir Knights who are recipients of the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Honorary contributions are accepted.

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 John E. M. Kerr, Jr. (OH), 33°
 Harold McNamara (NY), 33°
 Woodbury P. Fogg (NH), 33°
 in memory of Carroll M. Fogg, 33°
 Charles F. Harper (TX), 33°
 Geddes W. Simpson, Jr. (ME), 33°
 Thomas Edward Colgan (CA), 33°
 Robert Gale Sanders (IN), 33°
 Donald Leonard Barth (OR), 33°
 Howell F. Wallace, Jr. (MD), 33°
 Eric A. Meace (SC), 33°
 Donald B. Davidson, Jr. (NM), 33°
 Steven B. Plass (UT), 33°
 Leroy W. Tucker (TX), 33°
 P. Michael Nielsen (NY), 33°
 Paul L. Handley (SC), 33°
 in honor of Eric A. Meace, 33°
 Paul L. Handley (SC), 33°
 in honor of John H. Pearson, 33°
 William P. Dusenbery (IA), 33°
 David D. Warfel (CA), 33°
 Walter D. Carnett, Jr. (CO), 33°
 Paul L. Handley (SC), 33°
 in honor of Charles Lauder, 33°
 Walter Clyde Biddle, Jr. (TX), 33°
 John William Revenboer (NE), 33°
 Charles Arthur Depfer (DE), 33°
 F. Edward Smith (NY), 33°
 John F. Holland (NM), 33°
 in honor of George F. Wright, 33°
 Dean Roy Larson (IN), 33°
 Leslie G. Metcalf, Sr. (MD), 33°
 Terry B. Meyers (OH), 33°
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 Herbert G. Webb (OH), 33°
 Donnie Milton Chapman (GA), 33°
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 Richard Lisichenko (KS), 33°
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 George M. Jabbour (VA), 33°
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 Henry George Schierenberg (CA), 33°
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 J. W. Teasley (TN), 33°
 Glenn Ervin Muzzy (IL), 33°
 Robert McKinley Powell (CA), 33°
 Theodore S. Midgett (NC), 33°
 William John Freund (FL), 33°
 Michael D. Parkhill (SD), 33°
 David Charles Decker (CA), 33°
 Robert Clay Swiger (VA), 33°
 John Edgar Warren (FL), 33°
 Robert L. Elmore, Jr. (ID), 33°
 James W. Pritchett, Jr. (MS), 33°
 Joe Bicking (KS), 33°

If you are a member of a KTEF club but your name has not been listed, it probably will appear in the next issue.

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending April 9, 2004. The total amount contributed to date is \$507,994.89.

Alabama	\$12,307.00
Arizona	9,821.84
Arkansas	2,437.00
California	34,611.27
Colorado	11,973.65
Connecticut	4,567.00
Delaware	1,047.00
District of Columbia	5,343.00
Florida	25,941.50
Georgia	40,041.57
Idaho	2,593.00
Illinois	35,270.00
Indiana	6,845.99

Iowa	11,281.04
Kansas	4,671.00
Kentucky	8,355.49
Louisiana	6,794.60
Maine	2,283.00
Maryland	12,630.00
Mass./R.I.	6,311.00
Michigan	6,802.00
Minnesota	3,364.00
Mississippi	3,936.00
Missouri	4,686.35
Montana	2,025.00
Nebraska	3,645.93
Nevada	2,338.00
New Hampshire	2,620.21
New Jersey	3,335.00
New Mexico	5,063.77
New York	10,152.70
North Carolina	9,063.00
North Dakota	1,101.50

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Ohio	23,910.25
Oklahoma	3,204.00
Oregon	4,534.58
Pennsylvania	36,056.63
South Carolina	12,400.83
South Dakota	23,093.00
Tennessee	16,103.56
Texas	22,848.33
Utah	8,782.65
Vermont	2,636.00
Virginia	17,821.00

Washington	8,153.05
West Virginia	6,090.60
Wisconsin	10,756.00
Wyoming	3,337.00
Philippines	270.00
Alaska	290.00
Hilo No. 3, Hawaii	30.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii	20.00
Cuahuil No. 3, Mexico	38.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	400.00
Miscellaneous	3,960.00

See Our Crucifix

The attention of millions is now fixed on the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, being shown around the world.

When you come to Washington, DC, include in your visit a side trip across the river to historic Alexandria, Virginia. It existed many years before our Capital, as an English mercantile town of the United Kingdom.

On the highest hill above the town (once considered a site for our Capital), the Masonic Fraternity in 1922 erected a magnificent monument to the Father of our Country, President George Washington.

At the top of the building, reached by elevator, one finds the Knights Templar Chapel. Facing east and the rising sun, one sees this window, to right, depicting the crucifixion of the Christ. Come see this awesome scene! (submitted by Sir Knight Robert D. McMarlin, P.G.C. (VA), KCT, KYGCH, 51-year member of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11)



IN MEMORIAM



Robert W. Bussman
California
Grand Commander—1989
Born: March 19, 1921
Died: February 28, 2004

Burnell C. Stambaugh
Pennsylvania
Grand Commander—1981
Born: May 12, 1918
Died: March 2, 2004

Howard Pierce Lumbar
Washington
Department Commander
Northwestern—1982–1985
Grand Commander—1977–1978
Born: November 14, 1918
Died: March 8, 2004

Charles W. Wesbrooks
Texas
Grand Commander—1978
Born: April 4, 1915
Died: March 19, 2004

Milton E. Daniel
District of Columbia
Grand Commander—1997
Born: December 27, 1920
Died: April 1, 2004

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

by Sir Knight Hugh A. Cole, 33°

DeMolay repeatedly asked for an audience with the pope. The sickly pope instead appointed a commission of three cardinals, as inquisitors, to examine the four Templar prisoners and decide their disposition. On hearing their confessions and repentance, the cardinals sentenced the four to life in prison. But instead of prison, on March 18, 1314, the king's soldiers chained them and hauled them to the scaffold at Notre Dame Cathedral. There they were to publicly confess to their crimes. Hugh De Peraud and Geoffrey de Gonaville affirmed their confessions, though DeMolay and Geoffrey de Charnay repudiated their earlier confessions and all accusations and charges made against the Templars. The clamor of protesting citizens caused King Philip's soldiers to remove DeMolay and his knights. They were taken to the Isle de Cite in the Seine River. There, DeMolay and de Charnay were burned, alive, at the stake while proclaiming their innocence. The ancient Order of Templars now officially became extinct. However, the martyrdom of DeMolay inspired subsequent generations of young men! Before he died DeMolay reputedly called upon Pope Clement V and King Philip IV to meet him before the judgment seat of God within one year!

Before a year had passed, Pope Clement V died of natural causes April 20, 1314. King Philip IV also died of natural causes within a year of DeMolay's death. Numerous accounts suggest that thousands of Knights

Templar fled and survived beyond the jurisdictions of France and the Church. They are presumed to have influenced the course of European history in Scotland and elsewhere!

Emperor Charles V of Spain in 1530 granted the Island of Malta to the Sovereign Order of Knights of Malta and charged them with patrolling the Mediterranean Sea lanes to guard against the attacks of pirates and marauders. This order patrolled for the next 200 years until in 1798 Napoleon captured the Island of Malta for the French. In 1814 England gained control of the island and dissolved the order.

Early in the eighteenth century, there occurred a transition from the operative stonemason's vocation into the fraternity of Freemasons. The fraternity initially adhered to belief in the Christian Trinity. In its constitutions of 1723 and 1738, reverence for The Supreme Being superseded adhering to the Christian Trinity. Disregarding sectarianism allowed for non-Christians to become Freemasons. The emergence of the Protestant Reformation, the actions of England's King Henry VIII, and the Enlightenment movement culminated in requiring Pope Clement XII to issue his Papal Bull prohibiting Roman Catholics from becoming Freemasons. Until this action Roman Catholic priests were known to have been Freemasons, and some had served as Masters of their Masonic Lodges.

During the 18th century, French Freemasons developed degrees of a definite Christian influence. The Order of Malta, the Order of the Red Cross, and the Order of the Temple derive from them. English Freemasons evidently approved and adopted them. The documented

arrival of these Orders in North America appears to be December 11, 1769, at Boston. At St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge (later named St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter), four members of Irish Military Lodge No. 322 (which traveled with the British 29th Regiment) conferred these Orders on colonial, Past Grand Master Paul Revere. The next year, on May 14, 1770, this chapter conferred these Orders on colonial, Past Grand Master Joseph Warren (hero of the Battle of Bunker Hill).

Lodges of Scottish Masons also traveled with regiments of the British army and introduced degrees and orders to the colonists. The capitular and cryptic degrees together with the chivalric Orders were eventually removed from Masonic Lodges and conferred by chapters, councils and commanderies of the American York Rite of Freemasonry.

On March 24, 1919, Frank S. Land and nine young men took the initiative to form what is now the International Order of DeMolay; promoting valor, charity, fidelity, comradeship, courtesy, and reverence. The original DeMolay insignia included nine pearls, one for each of the initial nine members. As one by one these original members died, a pearl was replaced with a ruby, until the present time when all nine gems are rubies.

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 Sir Knight Hugh A. Cole, 33° and recipient of the MSA, became a DeMolay in 1942 in Mohawk Valley Chapter, Order of DeMolay, at Utica, New York. He holds the Legion of Honor as Historian for the Frank S. Land Preceptory, Legion of Honor, at Chicago, Illinois. He is a member of Aurora Commandery No. 22, Yorkville, Illinois. He received the York Rite College DSA and in July 2004 is to receive the OPC. He resides at 141 South 18th St, St. Charles, IL 60174-2516



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 \$135.00. (G.C. and P.G.C. add \$35.00 for gold decoration on cap visor.) The uniform includes white military style cap with insignia, short sleeve shirt, shoulder rank insignia, collar insignia, metal ribbon bar, name plate, plain black tie, tie clasp with cross and crown, and shipping and handling. Send us your cap size, shirt size, rank, Commandery name and number, choice of engraving on the tie clasp (plain/Knight Templary our state/Commandery name and number) to the address below. For further information request an order form for your state (include a stamped, self-addressed envelope) or e-mail: ccwinterhalter@aol.com Make checks payable to: Milford Commandery No. 11. Mail to: Milford Commandery No. 1, C/O Robert P. Winterhalter, P.O. Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721-0321. All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Templars: Any of you who have anecdotes (either funny or informational) about a Templar, a group of Templars, a Commandery, a Grand Commandery, or the Grand Encampment, which might be of historical interest; please write it (by hand, if you wish), and send it to me. I will see that it is "laid up among the archives" of the Grand Encampment, to be printed in this magazine at an appropriate time and in any history published in this century: Jacob C. Baird, Chairman of the Committee on Templar History; 1334 Royal Road, Norwood, MO 65717-9466; new e-mail: jcbaird@getgoin.net



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

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 ladies.

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.

Three Senior DeMolays Give Their Lives in Service to Country

The War in Iraq, as many other wars, has been very costly to DeMolay. At the time of this news release, three young DeMolay men had given their lives for their country. DeMolay International was deeply saddened to hear of the deaths of two DeMolays in a very short time period: Tristan Aitken on April 4, 2003, and Jason Meyer on April 8, 2003. It was with heavy hearts that DeMolay reported news of the third DeMolay to lose his life in Iraq: Todd Bryant on October 31, 2003. Following are short obituaries of the three.

Brother Tristan Aitken:

Brother and Captain Tristan N. Aitken, Senior DeMolay of State College Chapter in Pennsylvania, was killed in an ambush near the Baghdad Airport on April 4, 2003. Aitken was a proud member of the U.S. Army. He was an avid athlete and an Eagle Scout. Aitken is survived by his wife, Margo; his father, Ron; his mother, Ruth; and his sister, Terry.

Brother Jason Meyer:

Brother and Private First Class Jason Meyer, Senior DeMolay, PMC, and Chevalier of Livingston County Chapter, Michigan, was killed at the Baghdad Airport on April 8, 2003. Upon completion of U.S. Army One-Unit Training, Meyer was assigned to Bravo Company, 11th Engineers, 3rd Infantry Division at Ft. Steward, Georgia. He was deployed on January 23, 2003. He is survived by his wife, Melissa; his mother, Kathleen; his stepfather, Chris; his father, Loren; his stepmother, Deb; and his brother, Jonathon. Jason was also a member of Howell Lodge No. 38, and he and Melissa had recently joined Eastern Star together.

It has recently come to our attention that at Arlington National Cemetery, the final resting place for all three young men, Jason Meyer and Tristan Aiken are buried next to each other. They were killed just days apart, both at the Baghdad Airport in Iraq. It is because of this timetable that they are buried next to each other. Jason was buried in the last service on Monday, Tristan in the first service on Tuesday. It is unclear if the two Brothers knew each other, but what a wonderful twist of fate that the two are buried next to a Brother rather than a stranger.

Brother Todd Bryant:

Brother and U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Todd Bryant, Senior DeMolay and PMC of Riverside Chapter in Southern California, was killed in Al Fallujah, Iraq, on October 31, 2003. Bryant came from a military family, and his determination to serve was so strong that he took basic training during the summer before his senior year of high school. Bryant graduated from West Point in 2002. He knew well the realities of military life and told his parents that he would like to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, should the worst happen. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his father, Larry; his mother, Linda; his brother, Timothy; and his sister, Tiffany.

Please keep the families of these young men and all our young men and women who are serving in the military in your thoughts and prayers. For a complete listing of DeMolays and Senior DeMolays who are serving in the military, please visit DeMolay's web site at www.demolay.org.



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

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 fundraiser 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@hhzlaw.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, S.W.; Pataskala; OH 43062, (740) 927-7073.

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, 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 mjafayette@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, 7bnawanda, NY 14150, call (716) 693-7226 or e-mail tonawsta@netzero.net Checks to K T Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.

For sale by Park Place Commandery No. 106, Houston, Texas: ornate brass hanging medallion commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Commandery, 1953-2003. \$10.00 per medallion, plus \$2.50 S & H per order. Please allow 2 to

4 weeks for delivery. Send check or MO to Recorder, P.O. Box 263430, Houston, TX 77207-3430.

For sale: Knight Templar nutcracker offered by the gift shop of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for only \$49.95, plus tax and shipping, total: \$60.00; regularly \$189.00. Visit our web site at www.pagrandlodge.org and view the Templar nutcracker. When ordering, you must mention this ad, and quantities are limited. Call (215) 988-1977 or e-mail www.pograndlodge.org/giftshop

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

This year Hamilton Council No. 19, R. & SM., Hamilton, Ohio, is celebrating 150 years with an anniversary lapel pin. It is a soft enamel in gold finish, 7/8 inch, with royal purple background and the center has the logo in gold metal. It is die struck in brass and plated in 22 kt. gold. Each piece is then carefully filled by hand with the royal purple enamel and polished. Send check for \$6.00 (includes shipping) made payable to Hamilton Council No. 19, R. & SM., and send to James E. Deck, III, Master; 247 Bond Avenue; Hamilton; OH 45011-4217.

Fund-raiser for Waukesha, Wisconsin, York Rite Bodies: personalized 8 x 10-inch "Masonic membership window," displaying full color emblems of all bodies of which you are a member. It is suitable for framing, and makes a great gift. Choose from any combination of Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and O.E.S.: \$10.00 for each print or 3 for \$20.00, postpaid. Bequests and check to Waukesha York Rite, PO Box 322, Waukesha, WI 53187.

For sale: Kingsbury Lodge No. 887, Kingsbury, Texas, has coins of antiqued bronze alloy, 1 and 1 1/2 inches in diameter, for sale to celebrate 100 years of Freemasonry. On one side is etched the facade of the lodge with name of lodge, and on the other side is a raised Texas star surrounded by 100th celebration and dates. Price is \$12.00, including shipping. Checks payable to Kingsbury Lodge No. 887, and mail to Jack Gillespie, Chairman; Kingsbury Lodge No. 887; PO Box 181; Kingsbury; TX 78638

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 16x22-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.ppdavis14earthlink.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, PM., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F&AM.; 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 & AM.; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

Fund-raiser: Lodge auto tags 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 1895-1917. 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 1/2% 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 Bard, 6809 Main Street, Apt. 2 West, Cincinnati, OH 45244-3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (513) 272-2830

For sale: The Medal of Honor The Letter G in Valor, a 268-page digest with the names, congressional citations, and Lodge membership of all Masons who have received our nation's highest military award for bravery. Books may be obtained by contacting Maccy 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.

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 7bmA 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 and 10% to KTEF.

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 Iowa, Michigan, and Alaska.. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

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

Wanted: I will pay premium price for Royal Order of Scotland (1960) and The Order of the Red Cross of Constantine (1963) by Harold V. B. Voorhis. For serious Christian research. Larry Osborne, 8743 Ricardo Lone, Jacksonville, FL 32216, (904) 641-5407; losborne@coj.net

For sale: Dudley watch, Triangle wrist watch and also my books, Masonic timepieces. Rings, Balls and Watch Fobs, \$7.50, and Masonic Grandfather Clocks, Mantle Clocks, Watches and Watch Fobs, \$7.50. Also, Masonic Articles I Have Written (65 articles) for \$13.00. C. Clark Julius, 1900 Trolley Road, Apt. 329, York, PA 17404. Or call (717) 764-3067

For sale: customized Masonic gifts and incentive items. Represent Masonry with pride with beautifully custom-imprinted fraternal gifts and presentation items, all reasonably priced for your Masonic budget. Choose from a variety, which include but are not limited to: lapel pins, die cast coins, coffee mugs, ink pens, and belt buckles. These items are perfect for all occasions, especially for distinguished leaders to distribute during the year. Hand sketch your design idea, send it to me, and I will create professional camera-ready art to produce your imprinted items. All items sold in quantity only. For a free color brochure or catalog loaded with unique ideas, call or write Frank Looser, PM., (800) 765-1728, 408 Ashlar Circle, Nashville, TN 37211, or e-mail mason@cnfninacractiue.com or web site www.cnfninteractive.com 3% of profits go to KTEF.

Beekeeper (tame bees - apiculture novice), who is a Templar, severely disabled, retired USAF officer, is seeking supplier of mailing-cages for live queen bees to order. Also, need apiculture publications, advice, and wanting "bee" stamps, topical, for collection, to buy or swap. Gale Raymond, PO Box 228, Sugar Lend, TX 77478

Age, heart attack, small stroke, and hip replacement will not stop me from giving \$2.00 plus postage to the KTEF for license plates. I need the East coast: CT, DE, DC, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT. An easy way to mail is to cut down brown grocery sacks. Marion K Schroeder, 482 8th Street, Syracuse, NE 68446, (402) 269-2440

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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.

For sale: 2 sepulchres in the Masonic section of a cemetery in New Port Richey, Florida. Mrs. Marylynne LaBrusciano, 7162 58th Road, Maspeth, NY 11378-2607

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve;
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey...
I asked for health, that I might do greater things;
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things...
I asked for riches, that I might be happy;
I was given poverty, that I might be wise...
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God...
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life;
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things...
I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had hoped for;
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am among all men, most richly blessed.

prayer of an unknown Confederate soldier submitted by
Sir Knight Kenneth H. Stamper PO Box 213, Heidelberg,
Mississippi 39439