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Southwestern Department

Grand Master's Message for June 2004

By now school is out, and everyone is in the mood for a vacation or some type of outdoor activity. Whatever the activity you choose, take care and be safe so that the fun does not get replaced with pain and suffering.

The month of June brings Father's Day on the 20th. June 19 also happens to be my father's birthday. We usually celebrated both at the same time.

My father was not a Mason, but he lived all of the tenets of Freemasonry. I was very fortunate to have such a father.

We should all honor our fathers on Father's Day or give thanks for them.

Many Annual Conclaves have been held, and many of you are now starting another year of service to the order. I hope that you will endeavor to make this the best year ever for your Grand Commandery and be of service to your constituent Commanderies.

Summer in many states is a time when your Commandery is "dark." It is the time when you should be making plans for the fall when you will resume your regular activities. Now is a great time for your Commandery to find a parade or other patriotic service in which to participate. The Fourth of July, for example, is only a month away!

The Drill schedules to be used in the 63rd Triennial Drill Team Competition should now be on the web site, along with the Rules and Regulations.

Speaking of vacation, now is a good time for you to make your reservations for the tour and cruise to Alaska. (See the information on page 24.) Arlene and I would be most pleased to have you join us. If you cannot spend 11 days, you can take the cruise only, which will take 7 days.



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

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



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

JUNE: June, like May, has important holidays: Flag Day on the 14th and Father's Day on the 20th. Be sure to celebrate them! On page 2 Grand Master Fischer has information on what's going on in the Commanderies, and two Decisions of the Grand Master are published on page 12. The biographies of the four remaining R.E. Department Commanders of the Grand Encampment are included on pages 5-11. In July we will publish our usual comprehensive breakdown of the results of the 36th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Check for the names of new KTEF club members in this issue. Join us for an 11-day cruise in Alaska, starting on August 26, 2004! Information is on page 24. We think you will enjoy and make use of Sir Knight Hutchens' wonderful article on and illustrations of the many different, historical crosses; it starts on page 21. Also, Sir Knight Tribe has written a biographical sketch of another important Sir Knight, General Walton H. Walker. Enjoy!

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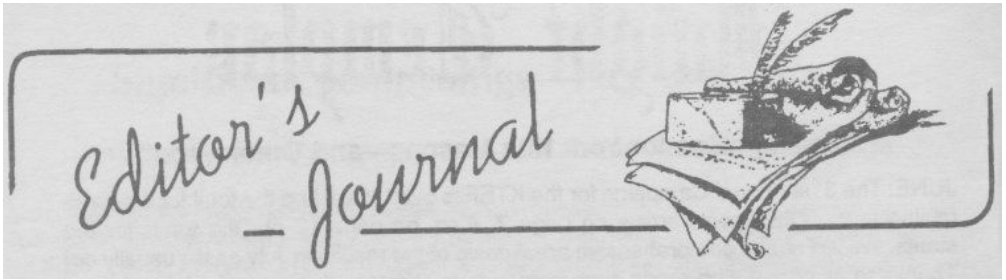
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2003-2006 - Department Commanders Of The Grand Encampment - Part II

Dr. James N. Karnegis

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



In the beginning, a small bundle was delivered in East St. Louis, Illinois, then a comely community. The precious little bundle gradually grew, eventually reaching 198 centimeters.

The intervening years have been good, but, as expected, their passing by is evidenced by the paucity of hair that is now gray, the need for spectacles, and other such changes that it is more politic to herein omit. Rather, some biographic data, which may or may not be of interest, will be summarized.

Sir Knight Karnegis' wife, Jeanne, is tolerant of her husband's frequent abandonment, joins him in his peregrinations, and herself is active in many Masonic and other organizations. She has critiqued this, his biographic data summary as she dutifully does his daily discourse; and dress; and deportment; and disposition. Notwithstanding, he continues to stoutly

maintain that Masonry, as one of the best and most important decisions in his life, ranks second only to his decision to seek to win her as his mate.

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree and post-graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis: majors in Zoology, Chemistry, Mathematics; Doctor of Medicine, Northwestern University, Chicago; Internship, St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago; Residency, Internal Medicine, St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago; Residency, Internal Medicine, Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, Texas; Chief, Medical Service, 4230 U.S.A.F. Hospital, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana; Medical Fellow Specialist, University of Minnesota Medical Center; Research Fellow, United States Public Health Service, University of Minnesota; Doctor of Philosophy, Medicine and Physiology, University of Minnesota; Former Director, Cardiac Diagnostic Facilities, Charles T. Miller Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota; former faculty, University of Minnesota Medical Center; Teaching Award, University of Minnesota Medical School; former Cardiologist, Minnesota Clinic, Program on Surgical Control of the Hyperlipidemias, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Bethesda, Maryland; Diplomat, American Board of Internal Medicine; Diplomat, American Board of Cardiovascular Disease; Fellow, American College of Physicians; author of various medical articles in various medical journals.

He is a former member of the Editorial Board, American Heart Journal; former reviewer, various National medical journals; founder and first president, St. Paul Minnesota Heart Association; former member and chairman, various American

Heart Association committees; former faculty, University of Nebraska Medical Center; Sir William Osler Award, Department of Medicine, U. of Nebraska Medical Center; various teaching awards, University of Nebraska Medical School; former Chief of Cardiology, Veteran's Affairs Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska; former President, Nebraska Cardiovascular Society; Knight, King Boreus Rex, St. Paul Winter Carnival.

Masonic affiliations: member, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 5, St. Paul, Minnesota; Past High Priest, Omaha Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Past Illustrious Master, Omaha Council No. 1, Cryptic Masons; Past Commander, Mount Calvary Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar.

Member and former presiding officer: Allied Masonic Degrees; York Rite College No. 138; Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, Coeur de Lion Conclave; Order of Nails; Past Commanders' Association, Knights Templar of Nebraska; Order of High Priesthood; Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters; Knight Masons. Member of Royal Order of Scotland; Owaissa Chapter No. 296, Eastern Star; Tangier Shrine; Ritualistic Divan; Noroma Shrine Club; Knight Crusader of the Cross; former member, Board of Directors, Cooper

Village; former member, Program Services Committee, Cooper Village; former Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix, Scottish Rite, Valley of Omaha; former President, Masters and Wardens Club, Scottish Rite, Valley of Omaha; former member, Editorial Committee, Valley News, Scottish Rite, Valley of Omaha; 33° Honorary, Scottish Rite, Valley of Omaha; Past Grand Master, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons in Nebraska; Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska; Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska; former member, Religious Activities Committee, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

Presently: Knight Commander of the Temple, Grand Encampment, K.T. of the U.S.A.; Knight Grand Cross of the Temple, Grand Encampment, K.T. of U.S.A.; President and Founder, York Rite Temple Corporation; member, Board of Directors, Omaha Home for Boys; member, Publicity Committee, Omaha Home for Boys; Chairman, Medical Committee, Omaha Home for Boys; member, Board of Trustees, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Grand Encampment, K.T. of the U.S.A.; appointed R.E. Department Commander, 2003-2006, North Central Department, Grand Encampment, K.T., in August 2003.

Clifford L Duncan

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

Cliff, as he is referred to by most that know him, was born December 17, 1929, near Durant, Oklahoma. He was the third child of David Allen and Gertrude (Jones) Duncan. He was educated in the public schools in Atoka, Oklahoma, and San Francisco, California. While stationed at McClellan Air Force Base, California, he attended American River College in Sacramento.



Clifford Lee Duncan enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948. Due to an eye defect he could not pass the final physical. He served in the administrative field while in the Army. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1954 and was assigned in the electronic field. He received advanced electronic and airborne training. He was assigned various duties as an Airborne Electronic Technician-Superintendent. His last tours of duty at McClellan spanned almost sixteen years. He was assigned temporary duty in Hawaii and various South Pacific Islands to participate in Joint Task Force Eight "OPERATION DOMINIC" for nuclear testing during the spring and summer of 1962. In 1966-68 he served on temporary duty in Vietnam, Thailand, and the Republic of China, Taiwan. While in Taiwan, he was privileged to attend and confer numerous degrees in Pearl River Lodge No. 3. In 1972 he served in Korea and again in Thailand in 1973. He received many awards and decorations. He retired January 1, 1974. Cliff is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. of America, Post No. 10472 at Desha, Arkansas.

He married Nelcean Bales of Batesville, Arkansas, October 5, 1957. They have two daughters; two granddaughters; one grandson; one great-granddaughter; and two great-grandsons for which they are extremely thankful.

SYMBOLIC MASONRY: Raised Roseville Lodge No. 222, 1960, Roseville, California, Master 1966; Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge of California, 1968-1969; served on Grand Lodge Committees, 1969-1973; Affiliated with Cornerstone Lodge No. 511, 1990, Pleasant Plains, Arkansas, Perpetual Member; Treasurer, Cornerstone Lodge No. 511, 1990-1995; District Deputy Grand Master, 1998 and 1999, 20th Masonic District; member of the Northern California Past Masters Association since 1966; Karat, Thailand Square and Compass Club, 1973, life

member; and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of Tennessee near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

CAPITULAR MASONRY: Exalted in Roseville Chapter No. 146, Royal Arch Masons, California, 1966, P.H.P., life member; Order of High Priesthood, California 1970; Batesville Chapter No. 9, AR, R.A.M., 1986, P.H.P., life member; Order of High Priesthood, Arkansas, 1992, Past President; D.D.G.H.P., 1991-1993; General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Medal of Honor, 1994; G.H.P. of Arkansas, 2001; Grand Treasurer, 2002; Grand Representative to Germany near Arkansas, and California near Arkansas; numerous honorary memberships in Grand Chapters and Constituent Chapters.

CRYPTIC MASONRY: Greeted in Roseville Council No. 54, R. & S.M., California-1966, I.P.M., life member; T.I.M. in California, 1969, Super Excellent Master Degree, 1970; Royal Order of Zanzibar, California, member; G.M. of the Grand Council of California, 1975-1976; Giblem Council No. 61, Arkansas, 1986 T.I.P.M., life member; General Grand Council Adult Leadership Award, 1992; G.M. of the Grand Council of Arkansas, 1995; according to Bruce H. Hunt, G.G.R., General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, there was no record of another Companion ever serving as M.I.G.M. of two jurisdictions; Grand Treasurer, 2002; T.I.M., Order of Sword and Trowel, Arkansas; Oasis Council No. 64, California, Charter and life member; North Central Council No. 82, Arkansas, Charter and life member; General Grand Steward, General Grand Council International, 1978-1981. General Grand Council Committees: Youth Committee, 1977-1978; Finance Committee, 1981-1984; Registration Committee, 1996-1999; General Grand Council Ambassador in Arkansas, 1996-1999; General Grand Council Columbian Medal for South Central Region, 1996. He served as Grand

Representative to: Alabama, near California; Tennessee, near California; Arkansas, near California; North Dakota, near Arkansas; California, near Arkansas; numerous honorary memberships in Grand Councils and Constituent Councils; Grand York Rite of Kansas, Past Grand Presiding Officers Association, 1996.

CHIVALRIC MASONRY: Knighted in Auburn Commandery No. 52, California, 1967, Past Commander, life member; St. Elmo Commandery No. 13, Arkansas, 1986 Past Commander, life member; Life Sponsor and Associate Patron, KTEF, Inc.; Grand Commander of Arkansas, 1999; appointed South Central Department Commander by Most Eminent Kenneth Bernard Fischer for the 63rd Triennium of Grand Encampment, 2003-2006; elected Grand Treasurer 2002; Holy Grail Tabernacle No. XI, HRAKTP, Deputy Preceptor-2003; Member of

Arizona Past Commander's Association; California Past Commander's Association; Missouri Past Commander's Association; honorary memberships in Grand Commanderies and Constituent Commanderies; Grand Representative to California near Arkansas; Grand Encampment Membership Jewel No. 104; East Bay York Rite Association, membership No. 33, California, life member.

He belongs to Priory; York Rite College; Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Red Cross of Constantine; Allied Masonic Degrees; Knight Masons; MSRICF; and Order of the Eastern Star.

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

Glenn A. Siron

Right Eminent
Department Commander (2003-2006)
Northwestern Department



Sir Knight Glenn Arthur Siron was born in Wenatchee, Washington, on February 14, 1929, to Maxwell and Cathryn Siron. He

graduated from Riverside High School and attended college in Washington, D.C., while employed by the F.B.I. He attended colleges in California, Washington State, and Georgia, while serving in the U.S. Army and completed his education. His first marriage to Barbara Hanna blessed him with four children: three daughters; Linda, Paula, and Kathryn and one son, Glenn Jr. She passed away in May 1995. He married Ethel Burnett in May 1996 and gained three additional children: a daughter Sharon, and two sons, Seth and Heath; they have twelve grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. He and his wife are members of the College Place Presbyterian Church, College Place. He also holds membership in Elks Lodge, BPOE No. 287, and the Walla Walla DAVA.

Glenn retired from the U.S. Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia, on July 31, 1968, as a Senior NCO. During his army career, he served in a variety of responsible positions, stateside and overseas in Japan,

France, Germany, and Vietnam. Upon retirement, he spent three years with the Board of National Ministries, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., Atlanta, Georgia. He spent ten years with the U.S. Customs Service as a Sky Marshal, Customs Patrol Officer, and a Supervisory Customs Patrol Officer serving in Atlanta, Washington, Georgia, Wilmington, North Carolina, McAllen, Texas, and Portland, Oregon. He served as an instructor for the Customs Service in Malaysia and Ecuador. Sir Knight Siron transferred to the Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla, in December 1980, and for ten years served respectively as Administrative Officer, Construction Division, and Manpower Officer, Personnel Division. He served in a dual capacity as Management and Manpower Officer, Resource Management Division, retiring in March 1990.

Sir Knight Siron was Raised a Master Mason on February 21, 1980 in Beaverton Lodge No. 100, A.F. & A.M., Beaverton, Oregon. He moved to Walla Walla, Washington in December 1980, became a member of Blue Mountain Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M., and served as its Worshipful Master in 1988. In 1993 he became a member of Milton Lodge No. 96, Milton-Freewater, Oregon, and served as its Worshipful Master in 2000. Sir Knight Glenn holds dual/life memberships in both of these lodges. He has also served on several Grand Lodge committees.

Glenn was Exalted in Walla Walla Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., on July 15, 1983, and served as High Priest in 1986 and 1987 and is a life member. He holds dual membership in Pendleton Chapter No. 23, Oregon. Sir Knight Siron has served the Grand Chapter of Washington as District Deputy, 1990-1992; Grand Orator, 1989-1990 and 1997-1998; Board of General Purposes, 1991-2001; and has also served on numerous other Grand Chapter committees. He received the Order of High Priesthood in Walla

Walla Chapter No. 1, in 1986. He is a life sponsor of Royal Arch Children's Heart Foundation, and served as Chapter Secretary, 1990-2002.

He was Greeted in Zabud Council No. 7, R. & S.M., on March 3, 1984, and served as Illustrious Master in 1987 and 1988, and is a life member, holds dual membership in Umatilla Council No. 6, Oregon. He has served the Grand Council of Washington as Master of Arch No. 8, 1990-1992, and numerous other Grand Council committees. He received the Cryptic Mason of the Year medal in 1990, and the Order of Thrice Illustrious Master and Super Excellent Degree in 1988. He is a life sponsor, Grand Council Benevolent Fund, and served as Recorder of his Council, 1990-2002.

He was Knighted in Washington Commandery No. 1, K.T., on March 10, 1984, and served as its Commander in 1989 and 1990, life member. He holds memberships in Pendleton Commandery No. 7, Oregon, and Hugh de Payen Commandery No. 7, Wyoming; an honorary P.C. in his Wyoming Commandery, and a life member in the Wyoming K.T. Black Horse Troop. He was appointed G.S.W.B. in 1989, and served as G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Washington in 1995-1996. He is the recipient of the KTCH medal; the G.E. membership jewel, and holds the honor of KCT. He is a KTEF life sponsor in Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming; a KTEF Patron in Oregon; and a member of the Grand Master's Club. He is State Deputy for KCT program in Washington. He has served on many committees, and is an affiliated G.C. in Grand Commanderies of Oregon and Wyoming.

Appendant Masonic activities include: memberships in Scottish Rite, Masada Shrine, AAONMS, WA, and Past President, Milton Shrine Club, OR; Past Governor, Kamiakin York Rite College No. 28,

Spokane, and Sec. since 1997. He holds the Purple Cross, York Rite Sovereign College of NA in 1998; Athelstan Jewel, 1999; presented the first Secretary General's Award by the YRSC in 2002 recognizing the outstanding College Secretary of the year; Past Puissant Sovereign, St. Raphael Conclave, R.C.C.; Clontarf Council No. 69, Knight Masons; Immaculate Tabernacle No. XXXIX, HRAKTP, Ellensburg, currently serving as Preceptor; Past Sovereign Master, Desert Council No. 46, A.M.D.; member of Blue Mt. Council No. 215, A.M.D., OR; awarded Red Branch of Eri by Grand Council, A.M.D.; Royal Ark Mariners; Royal Order of Scotland and Thistle Clan; Charter member, Washington College, Masonic SRICF; Charter member,

St. Thomas of Aeon; Past Royal Patron, Golden Sheaf Court No. 60, Order of Amaranth; Alki Chapter No. 25, O.E.S.; and Loyalty Chapter No. 46, O.E.S., OR; Past Commander, Reuben Baer Past Commander's Association; and Evergreen Priory No. 41, KYCH, currently serving as its Prelate.

Sir Knight Siron also handles investigations of cases for both the Royal Arch Children's Heart Foundation and K.T. Eye Foundation in Southeastern Washington. He was appointed R.E. Northwestern Department Commander of the GEKT of the U.S.A. by Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, M.E. Grand Master, in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 20, 2003.

David K. Baba

Right Eminent
Department Commander (2003-2006)
Southwestern Department



David Keith Baba was born on July 31, 1945, in Reno, Nevada. He attended Reno schools and the University of Nevada, Reno, graduating with a B.S. degree in business administration in 1967. He worked in the family business in Reno, and then attended the University of California, Hastings College of Law, in San Francisco graduating with

J.D. degree in 1973. In that year he was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Nevada and the United States District Court, District of Nevada.

Sir Knight Baba has practiced law continuously since 1973 in Reno, Nevada, and now conducts his general law practice primarily in probate and business matters. For recreational activities he has devoted considerable time to fly fishing and has fished in the Western United States, Florida, Central America, and South America. He also likes to hunt birds and has engaged in various shotgunning sports.

Symbolic Lodge: Sir Knight Baba was Raised as a Master Mason in Mount Rose Lodge No. 40, F. & A.M., Reno, Nevada in 1968. He is a Past Master of Mount Rose Lodge and is currently a trustee. He is Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nevada for 2003-2004.

York Rite: Sir Knight Baba is a member and Past High Priest of Reno Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., Reno, Nevada, and is currently the Grand Chaplain of the Grand

Chapter, R.A.M., of Nevada. He is also a member and Past Illustrious Master of Reno Council No. 4, C.M., of which he currently acts as Treasurer.

Sir Knight Baba is a member and Past Commander of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar of which he currently acts as Recorder. He was appointed to the Grand Commandery of Nevada in 1993 by Sir Knight Harold E. Hall, Right Eminent Grand Commander. In 2001 he was elected and served as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Nevada.

Sir Knight Baba is a member of the York Rite College of North America, No. 144; Nevada Priory No. 50, Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYGCH, One Quadrant); St. Matthias Tabernacle LVII,

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Scottish Rite: Sir Knight Baba is a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Reno, Orient of Nevada. He has been invested with the rank and designation of 32°, K.C.C.H.

Other Bodies: Sir Knight Baba is a Past Master of Nevada Lodge of Research No. 1, and is a member of the Joan of Arc Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Reno, Nevada.

In August 2003, Sir Knight Baba was installed as Southwestern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, U.S.A., by Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, Most Eminent Grand Master, at the 62nd Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri.

Tennessee Sir Knight receives Knight Commander of the Temple

Sir Knight Ralph Sage, a member of Kingsport Commandery No. 33, received the Knight Commander of the Temple at an awards and ladies' night banquet sponsored by the Northeast Tennessee York Rite College No. 153. Sir Knight Ralph has had a long and distinguished career of service to the Knights Templar of Tennessee. Sir Knight Sid Doris III, Southeastern Department Commander and P.G.C. of Tennessee, made the presentation. P.G.C.s E. Leroy Doty and L. Alvin Hill, Sr., were also present.

Additionally, 7 Master Masons, one from each of the 7 counties covered by the College and recommended by their district chairmen, were presented Gold Honor awards for their outstanding service to their Blue Lodges and communities. Chris Hawk, Governor; assisted by Richard Burow, G. Governor, and L. Alvin Hill, Sr., G. Standard Bearer, made the presentations. Knight of York John Nathan Buckles was presented the Sovereign College Award for outstanding service to York Rite Masonry in Tennessee.

Left to right in the picture are Sir Knights: Sid Doris III, L. Alvin Hill, Sr., Ralph Sage, and E. Leroy Doty.



Decisions of Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer

Grand Master's Decision No. 1 - April 20, 2004

Because of the confusion relative to the use of the Summer Uniform, the following decision is rendered:

The Summer Uniform is a "fatigue" uniform and may not be substituted for a Class A/Dress uniform. It may not be used in the conferral of the Order of the Temple. It may be used in Stated Conclaves or in parades.

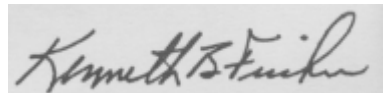
It may only be used when the ambient temperature exceeds 85 degrees Fahrenheit or from April 1 until October 31. It may be used then at the discretion of the Grand Commander of the jurisdiction.

A Commandery which chooses to wear the Summer Uniform must see that **all** be in the Summer Uniform. Uniforms will not be mixed.

Grand Master's Decision No. 2 - April 20, 2004

To clarify the use of the White Cap with the Dress/Class A Uniform, which was passed during the 62nd Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, as a substitute for the Chapeau:

It is my decision that the White Cap may not be used in the conferring of the Order of the Temple. The traditional Chapeau of a Knight Templar of this Grand Encampment, as described in the Uniform regulations of the Grand Encampment and all of the Grand Commanderies, is an established emblem as certainly as the lambskin or white leather apron of a Mason.



Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



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
Behind Us...*

Thanks for making it a GREAT SUCCESS!

The final accounting for the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign has not been finished as of the deadline for this article.

I did just receive the report for the 21st week, ending April 23rd, and we show a Campaign total as of that point of \$623,087. That places us over \$65,000 ahead of last year at this time.

I know that we will keep up the momentum and have an outstanding finish!

Thanks to all who have donated and/or raised funds for the Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all!

Following this note you will find 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 Drive, Vestal, NY 13850-4036.

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International Master Councilor of DeMolay Raised a Master Mason in New York State



It was a historic event for New York Masonry and especially for Masters Lodge No. 5 in Albany, New York, when Brother Peter W. Brusoe, the 37th International Master Councilor of DeMolay, was Raised a Master Mason on March 22, 2004.

Sir Knight and Right Worshipful Edward R. Trosin, KCT, P.G.C. of New York, then the Deputy Grand Master (now Grand Master) of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of New York, conferred the degree with the assistance of several Grand Lodge officers and representatives of New York DeMolay.

Representing the Grand Encampment was Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, Right Eminent Grand Captain General, who brought Brother Brusoe the best wishes of the Grand Encampment and congratulated him for an outstanding year as International Master Councilor and for becoming a Master Mason.

Brother Brusoe is a member of St. Andrew's Chapter, Order of DeMolay in Amsterdam, New York, and served as the 33rd New York Master Councilor. He is also Commander of the Hudson Valley (NY) Court of Chevaliers. He is a graduate research and teaching assistant to the Chair of the Political Science Department at the State University of New York at Albany.

In the picture, left to right, are: Sir Knight and R.W. Edward R. Trosin, Brother Peter W. Brusoe, and Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, R.E.G.C.G. of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

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.

Creative Membership Opportunities

1. Develop a Membership Package for: a) Recruitment and b) Regeneration.
2. Develop Recruiting Teams and Regeneration Teams to make things happen.
3. Create a spirit of Enthusiasm and Personal Commitment.
4. Develop a York Rite Awareness Program.
5. Investigate a 'combined" York Rite Membership program where all three York Rite bodies are working together for the common good.
6. Establish a mentorship program, (e.g. 'intender" process) for all new members.
7. Create a Knight Templar library of reference materials for loan to constituent Commanderies to assist in local membership and education programs. Use available aids (videos, books, etc.) from Grand Encampment, or make them.
8. Suggest activities that will enhance Recruitment and Regeneration efforts. (See Creative Leadership list from recent Workshop.)
9. Distribute (unsolicited) information regarding the benefits of membership in the York Rite to non-York Rite Masons.
10. Target population for non-Masons: a) Business and personal friends who would receive and give benefit to the organization, b) DeMolay, c) Clergy, d) Professionals (Doctors, Lawyers, etc.). Don't forget to talk to their wives also!
11. Target population for Masons: a) Blue Lodges, Scottish Rite Clubs, Shriners, Eastern Star Masons, Grottos, etc.
12. Publicize Knights Templar activities and programs in newspapers and on T.V.
13. Request opportunities to speak to Scottish Rite Clubs, Shrine classes, Blue Lodges and other Masonic groups to increase our opportunities. Don't wait for them to come to us; it won't happen.
14. Set up recruiting stations at all Scottish Rite and Shrine activities.
15. Develop a "Petition Packet" containing all three York Rite Petitions, information on all York Rite bodies, business cards, and a cover letter.
16. Ask for the petition! Don't wait for it! Be anxious/not aggressive!
17. Set up coordinated festivals with ALL Masonic degrees and orders being conducted over a few days or weeks. (Joint Task force required).
18. Form Commandery 'Drill Corps" for social activities and drill instruction.
19. Offer the services of our Honor Guards at Receptions, Installations, etc.
20. Make a potential member a 'solid friend" first; then, make sure your new member doesn't become an "old friend." Remember, always be a friend!
21. It is always important to set a good example. Consider your conduct, as it is the doorway to your soul and the surest way to attract or repel.
22. Be candid about your feelings for Masonry and speak well of them often. If you believe in the 'product," it's not hard to sell!
23. Let everyone know this is a 'Christian family" organization.
24. Advertise our philanthropies and solicit support of them from other Masonic bodies.
25. Create awards and incentives to induce members to recruit.
26. Relieve the burden of owning a uniform by creating a Grand Commandery Uniform Center to subsidize and assist those who cannot afford new uniforms.
27. Create a summer uniform to encourage greater participation in parades and exhibitions. Refer to the Uniform and Regalia Committee.

A Commander's Checklist for Success

Successful leaders experience goal attainment for a variety of reasons. One reason is they have challenged and elevated their Officer team thinking and prepared a plan that emphasizes effectiveness more than efficiency. The following ideas have been noted and if implemented will help each Commander ensure that his plan will increase in effectiveness.

Have You Considered Any Of These?

1. Send a letter on your Commandery stationery to each Officer expressing your support of the Crusade, and to enlist his. Tell him you are proud of him. Add a sense of urgency to your request.
2. During your next Officers' Meeting secure a commitment from each of your elected and appointed Officers to get at least one petition. This sets a good example for other members. Encourage them to do the same. It also displays commitment to a common purpose among the leadership.
3. Write regular personal endorsements of the Crusade in your monthly newsletter. Request the Chapter and Council leaders to do the same.
4. Consider establishing a unique Award for the Crusade, i.e., Most Knightings in Home Commandery, Highest Membership Gain, Most Restorations, etc. Offer special incentives, too, like free meals for two. Be creative!
5. Get more Committees involved! Review your Committee list, and get some inactive committees active. This spreads the leadership around and offers a chance for other Officers to show what they are made of.
6. Consider writing a letter to all of your Past Commanders. Share your plans with them, and enlist their support and participation. They will assist you.
7. Meet regularly with your Chapter and Council leadership. Working together within the "Family of Masonry" increases cooperation exponentially.
8. Call or meet with the Deputy or Actives of the Scottish Rite, and seek their support. They might be willing to support a direct mail campaign for the Crusade, and encourage "Non-York Rite" Scottish Rite Masons to join. Perhaps you could arrange a York Rite conferral at their next Convocation in their auditorium?
9. Call or meet with the leadership of the Shrine Temples in your state. Request consideration for a joint "Cold Sands" event with your York Rite Crusade Festivals. Request the Shrine help sell the benefits of York Rite just as the York Rite should sell the benefits of Shrine membership.
10. Consider a York Rite Festival to honor the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Perhaps his junior Officers would join, too, if they are non-York Rite Masons.
11. Assign all of your elected and appointed Officers of the Commandery to become a "Crusade Speakers Bureau." Request that they arrange invitations to Blue Lodges to present "York Rite Overview Programs" to promote our Christian Masonic heritage. Suggest three programs per month each.

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.garneverizon.net

On the Masonic Newsfront...

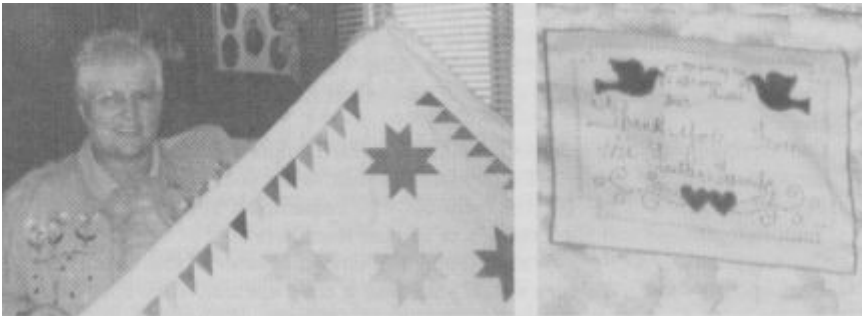
JUST RELEASED: A very limited number of the HO model engine and caboose, given at the 62nd Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, are now available from the Grand Encampment office. The engine is \$25.00 PLUS \$5.85 S & H (\$30.85), and the caboose is \$15.00 PLUS \$3.30 S & H (\$18.30). Don't delay because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

Idaho's Mrs. Fuller Makes Quilt to Benefit KTEF

Mrs. Sharon Fuller (below left), wife of James Fuller, who is a recipient of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, made and donated a lovely quilt to Idaho Commandery No. 1 to help raise funds for the Eye Foundation. Pictured to right, below, is a thank you to the KTEF affixed to the under side of the quilt.

A raffle was held in conjunction with the Annual Groundhog breakfast, whose proceeds support the Eye Foundation. Sir Knight Ernest I. Teter, Past Northwestern Department Commander and P.G.C. of Idaho, writes: 'The gift of the quilt was a great encouragement, as too often we, the Foundation workers, seldom receive even a 'thank you' for our efforts; however, pride and satisfaction in a job well done are their own reward.'

Patron certificates for Mrs. and Mr. Fuller were purchased from the proceeds of the raffle and will be presented to them.



The Grand Commandery of Iowa Cares

Iowa's Sir Knight F. Herbert (Herb) Lockard, P.G.C., passed away Saturday, March 27, 2004, in Allen Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa. Visitation was Wednesday, March 31, and 41 Masons took part in the Masonic service at 7:30 p.m., conducted by Martin Lodge, A.F. & A.M. Sir Knight Herb's funeral, April 1, was at the First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, and his burial was in the Masonic section of the Garden of

Memories Cemetery. An Honor Guard of thirteen Iowa grand officers and Past Grand Commanders in full uniform formed an Arch of Steel at the church and at the cemetery. Below is a picture of the latter Arch of Steel. (submitted by Sir Knight Glenn N. Marshall, P.G.C. of Iowa)



Maryland Assembly, S.O.O.B., Makes Toys for Hospitalized Children

Westminster Assembly No. 245, Westminster, Maryland, has a sewing group that meets twice a month to make small, stuffed, calico toys and other items for children who are hospitalized. Begun in 1986, the group has made on request from hospitals: baby afghans, booties, caps, mittens, and baby gowns. Their donations are: 3,067 toys, 383 balls, 112 baby afghans, 46 baby items, and 240 baby gowns. The number of volunteer hours donated is 5,862! Pictured from left to right are: Mrs. J. Richard (Johnnie) Kearney, P.P.; Mrs. Robert L. (Betty) Brendle; Mrs. Henry E. (Margaret) Boyer, P.P.; Mrs. Charles F. (Charlotte) Gleim; Mrs. Harold W. (Florence) Albrecht; Mrs. Edward (Beth) Thatcher III, P.P.; Mrs. James J. (Pat) Morgan, P.P.; and Mrs. David W. (Judy) Theilman, P.P.



Supreme Worthy President Harris, S.O.O.B., Visits California Assemblies

Southern California S.O.O.B. Assemblies enjoyed treating their Supreme Worthy President to a sample of California sunshine in March 2004!

Mrs. Charles (Mary) Harris, Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, who hails from Maine, was doing her visits to 5 California

Assemblies. Suitable to the visits are S.W.P. Harris' theme for the year, "For everything under the sun there is a reason," and her symbols; blueberries, the rising sun, and a lighthouse. Long Beach Assembly No. 39 was honored to perform the ritual for her inspection. The Assemblies of Long Beach, Santa Ana, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and San Bernadino were completed in that order.

Mrs. William Chant and Mrs. Fred Buxton, both P.S.W.P.s, were in attendance at most of the visitations. Also present were: Mrs. James (Norma) Burkett, S. Chaplain; Mrs. Donald (Gwen) Spencer, Adv. Chair; and Mrs. O. Reed (Marjorie) Bollin, KTEF area 2 Chair. Pictured right to left: Mrs. Buxton; Mrs. Harris; Mrs. Jack Gaskins, WP. of Long Beach No. 39; Mrs. Chant; and Mrs. Burkett.



Sale of Certificate to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The certificate (at right) is 11 x14 parchment paper. There are 4 colors printed on it, and it has a goat archway. There is a Knights Templar poem and 6 shadow figures. The cost is \$7.00 payable to: Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.



Commandery Sale of Pocket Watch to Benefit KTEF

Trinity Commandery No. 20, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is offering a pocket watch with a percentage of sales going to the KTEF. The insignias of the Blue Lodge and the 3 bodies of the York Rite are on the face; there are gold hands and red numerals. Features include scratch-resistant crystal, non-fade dial face, long-life silver oxide battery, precision quartz movement, lifetime warranty on movement, and water-resistant case. Price is \$50 each, including S & H. Checks and money orders, payable to Trinity Commandery No. 20. Mail to: Trinity Commandery No. 20, Attn: Dale Braden, P.O. Box 2316, Broken Arrow, OK 74013.

Crosses

by Sir Knight Rex R Hutchens

G.C.G, Grand Commandery of Arizona

All forms of the cross share the same symbolic qualities: they are mergers of horizontal and vertical forms, thus uniting the concepts of the spiritual (or vertical) with the earthly (or horizontal). The Greek is *stauros*, noun and *stauroō*, verb; Latin: *crux*, *crufigo*. These terms originally implied only a straight stick in the ground and not necessarily a cross piece. The noun occurs 28 times in the New Testament and the verb 46. Crucifixion was not an Old Testament practice. The use of the verb *stauroō* in the Septuagint at Esther 7:10 is a translation of the Hebrew Old, which means simply 'hang'. There are occasional New Testament references to the cross of Christ as a 'tree' (Acts 5:30; 10:39; 13:29; 1 Peter 2:24). These derive from Old Testament references to dead bodies hung on trees as a warning (Deut. 21:22-23; Josh. 10:26). Such a desecration was a form of curse; thus, Gal. 3:13, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:.....However, the actual adoption of the cross as a symbol of Christianity cannot be established before the 4th century; that is, the time of Constantine. Various archaeological finds that have been claimed as evidence of earlier uses of the cross as a specifically Christian symbol have not survived scrutiny. The first cross shown in the illustrations gets its name from the assumption that it is the form of the 'mark' described in Ezekiel 9:4ff. Hebrew names for their letters are actual words and the name given the final letter of the Hebrew alphabet (tau) means 'mark'. Its archaic form, however, is not the shape of the tau cross as below, but rather like a plus sign or lower case Y.



The tau cross has been thought by many to be the actual shape of the cross of the crucifixion. This is the *crux commissa* or St. Anthony's cross.



While this may be the most popular representation of a cross signifying the Knights Templar, other crosses have laid claim to being the proper Templar cross, including the ever popular Passion Cross shown below.



The Passion Cross or *crux immissa* is the most popular form used to represent Christianity. It is also commonly called the Latin Cross.



This particular form is probably the most common heraldic cross. It is called the Cross Pate. Victorians saw the gentle curve of the arms like the sheltering wings of a bird.



The Maltese Cross is sometimes called the cross of eight points. The number 8 is significant in Christianity since Christ arose on the 'eighth day'; that is, the first day of the week. It was commonly a symbol of John the Baptist and became famous as the badge of the Order of St.

John of Jerusalem (Hospitalers)—the beneficiaries of much Templar wealth.



The X-shaped cross is often called St. Andrew's Cross. It is the *crux decussata* here shown *potent*; that is, with cross bars.



The equal-armed Greek cross has had many interpretations: the four points of the compass, the *axis mundi* or center of the world, a sort of bridge or ladder by which the soul may reach God.



The *Crux Ansata* is an Egyptian cross signifying eternal life.



The Patriarchal Cross is widely used in Freemasonry, being the emblem of the Grand Encampment and (slanted) the emblem of the 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite (SJ).



This is another common form of patriarchal cross called the Cross of Lorraine.



The three-armed cross is almost universally recognized as a papal emblem. When the arms are of equal

length and distance on the vertical shaft, it is known as the Cross of Salem.



This cross decorates many Russian churches and comes from the Byzantine church which preceded it. This form evolved over many centuries.



Here we have the Jerusalem Cross, used by many crusaders. The Latin and Eastern Churches have adopted its use for Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.



This inverted representation reminds one of the legend of the death of St. Peter in Rome, who is supposed to have requested such a crucifixion, not being in his mind worthy of dying like Christ. Pagan systems have given it a generative interpretation.



This is supposed to be the actual image seen by the Emperor Constantine prior to the battle of Saxa Rubra. Many modern representations of this legendary event have used a passion cross instead. This symbol is composed of the two Greek letters *Chi* (X) and *Rho* (P), the first letters in *Christ* in Greek.



This figure is often called the Cross of Triumph since it symbolizes the Ascension. An orb surmounted by a cross is often carried by monarchs as a

reminder that they are subject to the power and empire of Christ.



Surprisingly, perhaps, the figure of the cross in the shape of an anchor is one of the oldest cruciform representations in Christianity. It is found in the oldest portions of the catacombs. The anchor became a symbol of hope (as in the Blue Lodge) from the biblical reference at Hebrews 6:18-19, "the hope set before us...is like an anchor for our lives, an anchor safe and sure."



Various designs of Greek (equal-armed) crosses as shown can also be found. The letters derive from the Greek capital form of Jesus (IHSOYC) and Christ (XPICTOC), abbreviated to IC and XC; the bottom letters form NIKA, the Greek word for 'conquers'. This design is still stamped upon the Eastern Orthodox Church's altar bread. After being cut from the loaf, it is referred to as 'the Lamb'.



This cross is also called Moline. In heraldry it was a common cadency mark for an eighth son.



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*"Nothing endures but change."
"Heraclitus" (540 BC-480 BC)
Diogenes Laertius,
Lives of Eminent Philosophers*

With the changes to the Supreme bylaws during the 83rd Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant in Norfolk, Virginia; Indianapolis Assembly No. 90 has achieved growth with the initiation of 8 new members into its Circle of Friendship. 7 of these would not have been able to join without these changes. The picture above tells the story: left to right; 1st row: Tracy Whisner, daughter; Jennifer Herring, daughter; 2nd row: Tiffany Ingles, daughter; Tori Allen, daughter; Mrs. Michael Gillard, mother of Tori; (Mrs. Andrew) Mary Jackson; Kathryn Whisner, mother; Colleen Whisner, daughter; and Mrs. Phillip Whisner, mother of Tracy, Jennifer, Colleen, and daughter-in-law to Kathryn; 3rd row: Mrs. George Ingles, mother of Tiffany; Mrs. Randal Schutz, President; Leah Everett, daughter; and Mrs. Roy Browning, mother of Leah. The bylaw change from Supreme Assembly increased the number of women who are eligible for membership, and Indianapolis No. 90 has felt a rebirth of energy and enthusiasm as a result!

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Sir Knight Walton H. Walker: The Korean War "Stand or Die" General

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

The Korean War ended just over fifty years ago. This conflict might give Masons, including those who are veterans of that conflict, a moment to reflect on the fact that in addition to Brother Harry S Truman, as commander-in-chief, at least four prominent generals in that "police action" were their Brothers. General and Brother Douglas MacArthur is one of the most prominent military leaders in the nation's history. General and Brother Matthew B. Ridgway will be recalled as the man who took MacArthur's place in April 1951. General and Brother Mark Clark was in overall command at the time the truce was signed in July 1953. The fourth man, General and Sir Knight Walton "Johnny" Walker is largely forgotten today. Yet in the first six months of this war, Walker, as commanding general of the Eighth Army and in charge of the ground forces, played a role second only to that of MacArthur in significance.

Walton Harris Walker was born in Belton, Texas, on December 3, 1889. Both of his grandfathers had fought for the Confederacy, but Walton's father followed the more peaceful profession of operating a dry-goods store. Walton was interested in a military career from youth, and he attended a local military school in Texas, Virginia Military Institute, and eventually the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York, graduating in 1912.

Back home that summer, young Walker made his entrance into Masonry, joining Belton Lodge No. 166. The young officer received his Blue Lodge degrees on June 27, July 25, and August 23, 1912. Four days later, he petitioned Belton Chapter No. 76, Royal Arch Masons, receiving the Mark and



Past Master degrees that same night, August 27, 1912. Moving rapidly he received the Most Excellent Master Degree on September 3 and the Royal Arch on September 5, 1912. His Commandery record is somewhat vague, but a Walter Harris Walker took all three degrees in Belton Commandery No. 23 on December 26, 1912. Since there is no birth date given in the Grand Commandery of Texas records, we can only guess that it is the same person. He demitted from both the Belton Chapter and Commandery in the early 1930s, and it is not known at this time where or even if he affiliated. However, three standard reference books all identify him as a Knight Templar. In the spring of 1913, he took the Scottish Rite degrees, completing them in the Valley of Galveston, Texas, on March 20. In 1949 he received the KCCH. He also belonged to the Shrine in Galveston.

Meanwhile as a young lieutenant, Walker was assigned briefly to Fort

Sheridan, Illinois, and then to Fort Sill, Oklahoma (several times). With the unrest that resulted from the Mexican Revolution, numerous army units were stationed at various points in Texas including those of Walker, who participated in the American occupation of Vera Cruz. However, American entry into World War I in April 1917 caused the American Army to focus more attention on events in Europe. A month after that conflict began, Walton Walker was promoted to captain on May 15, 1917.

Captain Walker received assignments to the Second Battalion of the 57th Infantry. A few months later, the War Department transferred him to the Thirteenth Machine Gun Battalion and sent him to France in April 1918. Over the next several months, the young captain saw plenty of action at St. Miheil and in the Meuse-Argonne campaign, where he was temporarily promoted to major. He was also awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for "gallantry under fire." After the November 11, 1918 armistice, Walker remained in Europe with the army of occupation until July 1919.

Back in the U. S. A., Walker received permanent rank of major on July 1, 1920, and promotion to lieutenant colonel on August 1, 1935. His duties in this peacetime era took him to numerous domestic bases including Fort Benning, Georgia; West Point, New York; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Monroe, Virginia; and Vancouver Barracks, Washington. During that period on March 18, 1924, Major Walker courted and married Caroline Victoria Emerson of Baltimore, Maryland. The couple had one son, Sam S. Walker, who followed his father to a military career graduating from West Point in 1946.

During the inter-war period, Walker had received only one overseas assignment, serving in China with the Fifteenth Infantry Regiment on International Railroad Patrol. However, with World War 11 on the horizon, Colonel Walker

would soon see more than his share of foreign soil. He spent much of 1940 and the early part of 1941 in the War Plans Division of the War Department becoming Executive Officer in December 1940. Four months later he became commanding officer of the 36th Infantry at Camp Polk, Louisiana, and then of the Third Armored Brigade in the same locale. Placed in charge of Desert Training at Camp Young, California, in 1942, preparing soldiers for the North Africa campaign, *Time* magazine quoted a colleague who said that Walker's concept of readying the troops was to "make training so damned hard that combat would seem easy." In April 1943 the by now General Walker went with the Third Armored Division to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and shortly thereafter to Europe.

Walton Walker's command was redesignated the Twentieth Corps in October 1943, as part of General George S. Patton's Third Army. For nine months following D-Day, Walker's corps pushed relentlessly against the Axis crossing the Moselle in November 1944, penetrating the Siegfried Line in February 1945, liberating the prisoners at Buchenwald, and reaching the outskirts of Chemnitz in April. On April 27 General Patton presented him with the same three stars of a temporary lieutenant general that he had earlier received from General Eisenhower. This must have been a proud moment for Walton Walker because according to many observers, Patton had been his role model.

In June 1945 General Walker received a year-long assignment in Dallas, Texas, in charge of the Eighth Service Command and then the Fifth Army Area with headquarters in Chicago. In September 1948 he took command of the Eighth Army, the principal ground force of the U.S.A. in the Far East. He remained in this station for the remainder of his life.

In this command and with the Far East a potential powder keg, particularly

with the Communist forces in control of mainland China from early 1949, Walker wanted his troops to be in a state of "combat readiness." He believed they had been "softened" by the relatively light occupation duties they were then encountering in Japan and South Korea. The General delivered a major address on this subject on June 10, 1950.

Some two weeks later, Walker's warnings proved prophetic when the North Koreans mounted a major surprise invasion of the South. General Douglas MacArthur was overall, Far East Commander, and Walker was in charge of the forces on the ground. Outmanned and outgunned, the South Koreans and their United Nations Allies (mostly Americans) fell back to what became known as the Pusan Perimeter. It was at this point that Walker issued his famous "Stand or die" order, maintaining that a Dunkirk-style withdrawal could not be achieved. More American and Australian reinforcements poured in and Pusan held, 'saved by a miracle.'

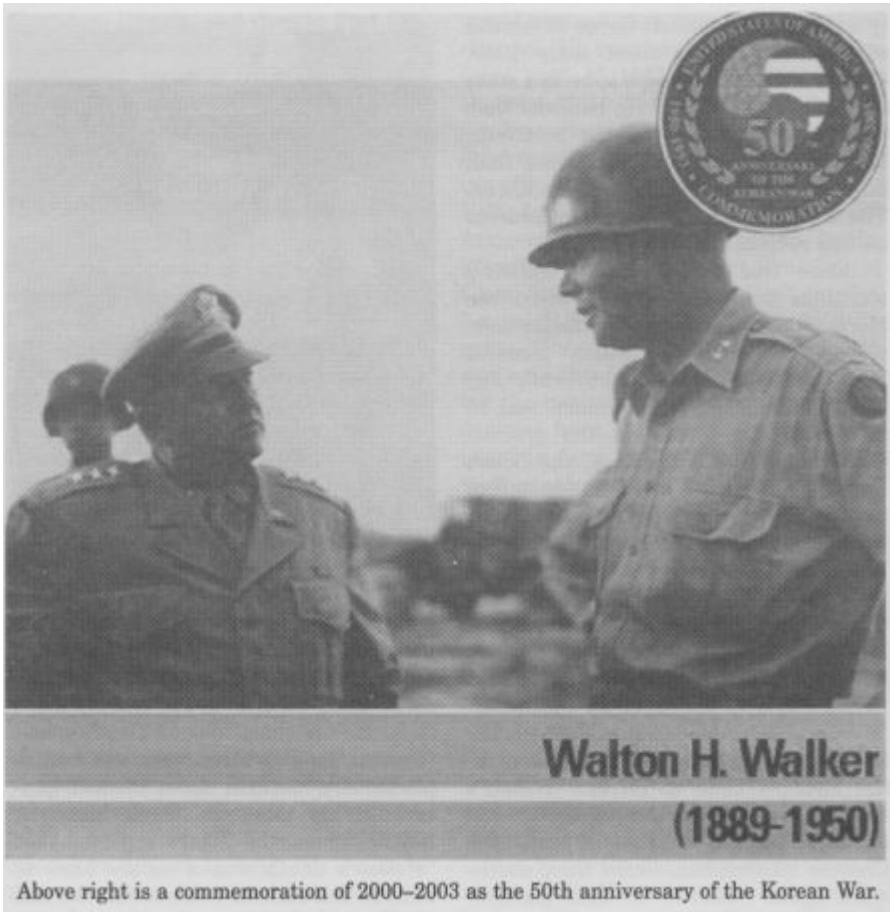
A little later MacArthur initiated the Inchon landings, and it suddenly became the enemy's time to retreat. Walker's Eighth Army took the offensive and advanced rapidly northward until the Chinese intervention forced them southward again. South of the 38th parallel, Walker's career ended suddenly as he died in a jeep wreck on December 23, 1950 (December 22 in the U.S.A.). Within hours Brother and General Matthew Ridgway of West Point Lodge No. 877 in New York was appointed to replace him.

Meanwhile, General Walker's remains were brought to Japan and taken to Yokohama where Mrs. Walker had been living. According to William R. Denslow, 'at the request of his widow, the Star in the East Lodge No. 640.. conducted Masonic services.' Brother and President Truman issued the following statement: 'Our country has suffered a tremendous loss... General Walker had a great talent for



generalship. He was a true leader of his men and suffered with them the hardships of his campaigns. He was a soldier - a real soldier. To you and me there is no higher compliment." Brother and General Douglas MacArthur wrote complimentary remarks about the late general in his memoirs. Back home in Belton, Texas, the *Times* reported that "Walker's death was a severe blow to folks in this central Texas town who had watched him grow to manhood and pridefully had followed his Army career." The General's aged and frail mother, Mrs. S. S. Walker, took his death well, all things considered, saying it was just 'something I have to bear.' As for the decision to bury him in Arlington National, she agreed that he belonged to the entire country as much as to his family and to Belton. Congress posthumously awarded him a fourth star. Walker's son, Sam S. Walker, remained in the service and eventually earned a fourth star himself.

While General Walker is fondly remembered in some circles, he is not as well known among the general public



as his achievements merit; nonetheless, he served his country well in three wars. As a man and Mason, Walton Harris Walker exemplified the highest tenets of his profession.

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Make my humility bigger than their pride.
Make my forgiveness bigger than their sins.

Lord, let my doubt be smaller than my faith.
Let my knowledge be smaller than my wisdom.
Let my rashness be smaller than my patience.

Lord, let our lives be equal to your plan for us.
Let our strength be equal to the tasks you have for us.
Let our love for humanity be equal to your love for us.

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