

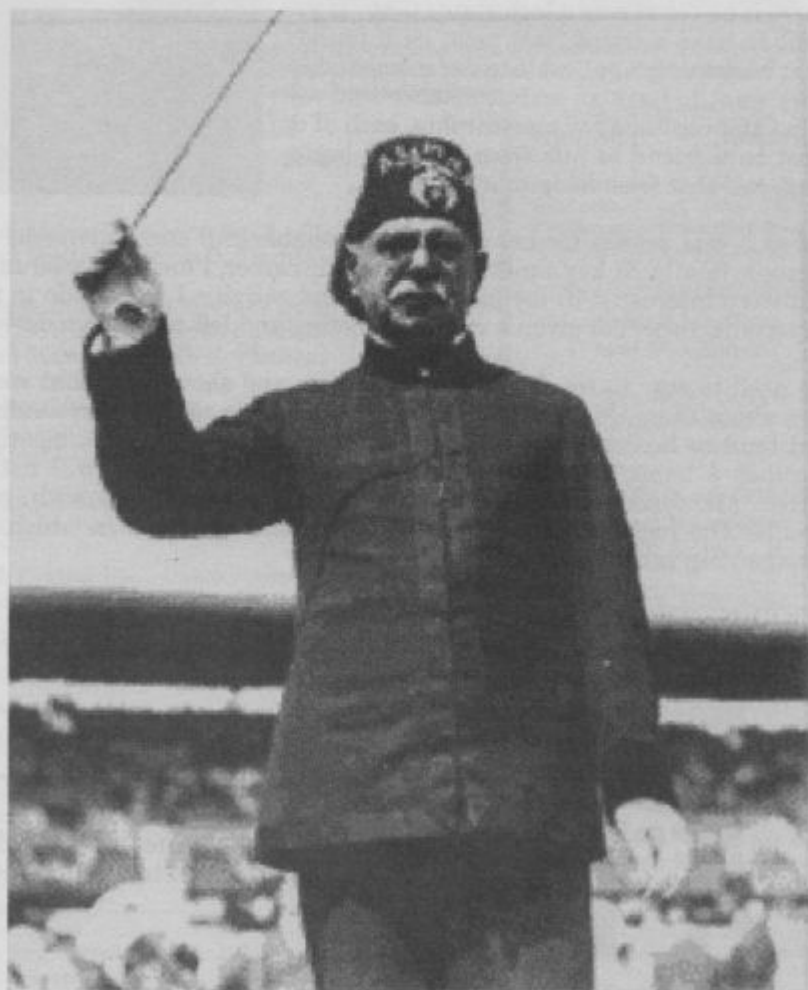


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Sir Knight John Philip Sousa conducted many Shrine bands, including one with over 6,000 players, after he was initiated in 1922. The story starts on page 11.

Grand Master's Message for September 2004

September brings the resumption of public schools and all of the activities of the fall season.

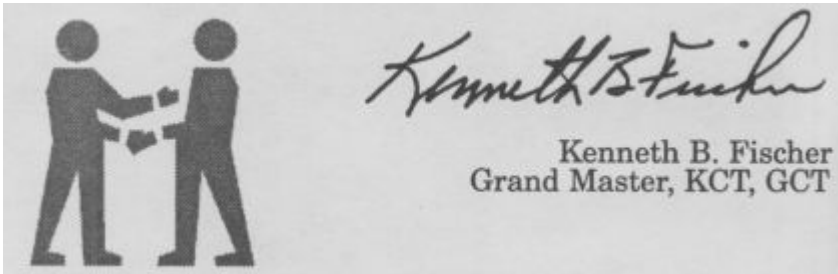
The second year of this triennium has begun, and we are moving forward. Many of your Masonic bodies have been "dark," and now is the time to resume your labors as well. Hopefully, you will find a new enthusiasm for this year.

There is an old saying which states that, "If you want to have a friend, you must be a friend." That is certainly applicable to our membership. If we want to have an active member who will value and continue his membership, each of us must be a friend to him from the very beginning, and that friendship must continue.

There is one reason for my continuing membership and activity in the Masonic family. At key times in my Masonic career, I met men who cared and were interested in my membership and activity. I was made to feel important. I was not given a cursory greeting and left to my own devices.

We need to stay in touch with our members and show them that we do care about them. Most people are not comfortable in new surroundings and tend to be creatures of habit. Until attending Masonic meetings becomes a habit, the chances are great that the member will not be active. Mentoring has been adopted in several locations with good results. The more active Masonic bodies we see are those in which the membership is open and caring.

GOOD NEWS!! The Grand Commandery of Louisiana showed a net gain this past year, 2003-2004. Congratulations, Sir Knights! I believe that the tide is turning and you too can do this.



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

SEPTEMBER: On page 2 Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer speaks about "friendship" and its importance to Masonic membership and activity, and on page 5 he informs all Sir Knights about news from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, including the trustee meeting which occurred in early August and changes in the handling of the up-and-coming 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign; all should read the latter to understand and participate in the Campaign. New contributors to K'IEF clubs are listed on page 6. On page 9 the Chairman Johnson of the Membership Committee has news of another successful Angel of Shavano Encampment and an increase in members because of it; many Commanderies can gain useful information to increase their own membership. On page 19 North Central Department Commander Dr. James N. Karnegis has submitted material on that Department's Conference in October; you will want to be a part of this occasion. Don't miss the special articles and news items included this month. We hope you will enjoy your September issue!

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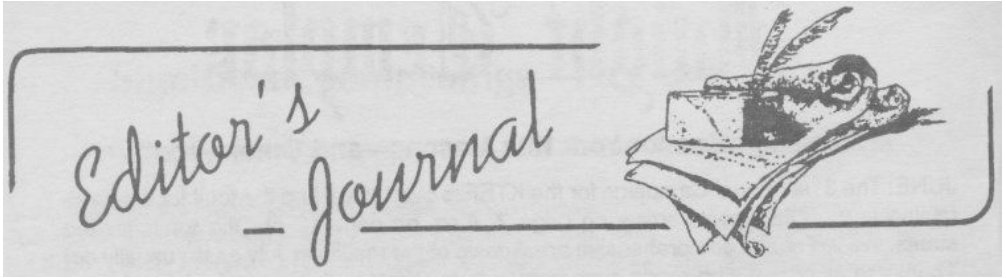
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62nd Triennial Memorabilia: From the 62nd Triennial Conclave, we still have available the black carrying cases that were given at registration - \$20.00 plus \$6.00 S & H (\$26.00). See above for ordering information.

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

Knight Templar Magazine Index, including all previous indexes and covering

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

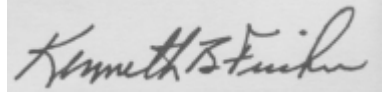
A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right: This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is available as a hardbound copy. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 S & H. **Born in Blood:** The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$17.00, including S & H. **Dungeon, Fire, and Sword** This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.50 S & H (\$23.50).

An important and invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of Freemasonry - A History and Handbook* is available. It is authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel. This comprehensive, illustrated, 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery. There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies, plus S & H; \$1.00 each over 100 copies, plus S & H.

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Grand Master's Decision No. 3 - April 21, 2004

Video tape, DVD, or any form of video presentation of the Orders of Templary, as depicted in the rituals of the Grand Encampment, are not to be used in the conferral of said Orders. They were produced for instructional purposes only. The conferral of any Order must be done by Sir Knights in a Commandery asylum.



Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



Message from Grand Master Fischer the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign



Dear Sir Knights:

The time is drawing near for the start of the 37th Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The 36th Campaign is now history, and I would like to thank Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, R.E. Grand Captain General, for the fine job that he did in leading that very successful Campaign. His articles in this magazine and his leadership are truly commendable. He accepted this challenge with the promise from myself that it would be a one-year assignment.

We will have a new Chairman for the 37th Voluntary Campaign, and he is Sir Knight and Dr. James N. Karnegis, R.E. North Central Department Commander, and a Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. I am sure that he will lead this Campaign most ably.

The Board of Trustees at the 2004 Annual Board Meeting of the KTEF decided to recognize the giving during this Campaign in a little different manner or format than that used for the past few years. We will recognize and give credit to each Grand Commandery in each of the following categories: 1.) contributions and fund-raising, 2.) wills and bequests, and 3.) total of both 1 and 2. The **per capita** giving for each Grand Commandery will be calculated from **contributions** and **fund-raising**.

The purpose of the Voluntary Campaign is to get us all to tell our story to the general public and to get them to contribute to the KTEE Sir Knights, we appear to have forgotten the opportunity to solicit funds from businesses and corporations. Many times your local banker, grocery store, pharmacy, etc., are amenable to contributing to charities such as ours.

Wills, bequests, and trusts are a most important factor in our work in the Eye Foundation. We should consider and remember this in our plans for our estates. If you find those who is looking for a worthwhile cause to remember in their wills, please tell them our story. If you need help in assisting them, we have several resources in that area.

All gifts will be recognized in an appropriate manner. In this regard, I will recognize all new members of the Grand Master's Club, during this next year, by sending them one of my Grand Master's neckties. You may have seen one of the officers, committeemen or myself wearing one with our blue blazers.

Thanks for all of your help, and let's make this Campaign the best ever.

In His Service,
Kenneth B. Fischer, Grand Master

Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, KCT, GCT, is the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States. He is a Past Grand Commander of Texas, P.C. and drill captain for 25 years, and a member of Ruthven Commandery No. 2, drill captain for at least 3 years, both of Houston, Texas. He resides at 5138 Shady Oaks, Friendswood, TX 77546-3018. and a member of Park Place Commandery No. 106,

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Monumental Donation to Knights Templar Eye Foundation from Manchester Commandery No. 40, Hillsboro, Tennessee

During the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee on April 30, 2004, Manchester Commandery No. 40 of Hillsboro, Tennessee, presented a check to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for \$6,000. The primary source for the funds was from the sale of the late 1800's Knight Templar apron lapel pin pictured on a copy of the check at the top of page 7.

From the efforts of several Sir Knights of Manchester Commandery, but especially that of Sir Knight Dale E. Loudermilk, KYCH, and 4 others, the sales of these pins propelled this 120-member Commandery into one of the top contributors to KTEF in the country. **They are very proud of their \$52.37 per capita donation to our worthy cause.**



The Commandery wishes to thank the more than 550 Sir Knights from all 50 states and the Virgin Islands for their generous contributions to these pin sales. Also, a debt of gratitude is extended to the *Knight Templar* magazine staff for their help and continuous support in the advertising of these pins during the year.

They also want to let everyone know that the apron pin, along with a **new** Knight Crusader of the Cross pin, a Knight Commander pin, a Malta pin, and a Knight Templar/Blue Lodge pin are still available for a cost of \$6.00 each, postage included. Remember, *ALL* profits go to KTEF. Send check or money order payable to Manchester Commandery No. 40, C/O Garry L. Carter, Recorder; 424 Winchester Hwy.; Hillsboro; TN 37342. All Spins can be viewed at the website: www.YorkriteUSA.org

Commandery Sale of Pocket Watch to Benefit Knights Templar Eye Foundation



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



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Grand Recorder-1995-2004
Born: July 20, 1928
Died: April 8, 2004

Alfred Cookman Collins, Jr.
Maryland
Grand Commander-1973
Born: December 16, 1917
Died: July 6, 2004

Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day Campaign September 21, 2004

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation and EyeCare America team up with the Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health on their national "Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day" Campaign on September 21, 2004.

In honor of this day, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation encourages all Sir Knights to speak out in their communities; at libraries, senior centers, and churches; asking friends and loved ones to call the Seniors EyeCare Program at 800-222-EYES.

EyeCare America provides talking points and posters. Any Sir Knight who participates this year will receive a FREE EyeCare America gift.* Please e-mail pubserv@aa.org to receive talking points and campaign posters today.

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Membership Creativity

Third Annual Angel of Shavano Encampment, Salida, Colorado

by Sir Knight Douglas L. Johnson, P.D.C., Northwestern
P.G.C. of Wyoming, and Chairman of the Membership Committee

The Sir Knights of Colorado are working hard to keep membership strengths moving in a positive direction. Under a combination of sunshine and threatening rain clouds, the third annual **Angel of Shavano Encampment** was held on Sir Knight Lawrence A. Blanchard's ranch in the beautiful Colorado mountains near Salida. Sir Knight Blanchard is a Past Department Commander of the Northwestern Department of the Grand Encampment and is very active and successful in promoting York Rite festivals and top-quality work conferring the Orders.

Pictured is the largest class yet for the three years. Twenty-one candidates were brought through the three Orders by excellent teams.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was provided by Denver-Colorado Commandery No. 1. The Mediterranean Pass and the Order of Malta cast was composed of the Colorado Grand Commandery officers including R.E.P.D.C. Douglas Johnson from Wyoming. Eastlake Commandery No. 42 conferred the Order of the Temple. Eastlake No. 42 is the newest Commandery in Colorado, being only three years old; they are capable of standing inspection in all three Orders. These Sir Knights are to be commended for their dedication and hard work.

Salida Commandery No. 17, spearheaded by Sir Knight David Salberg, provided the logistics and



hosted this most successful event including the providing of all paraphernalia and meals. Sir Knight Robert C. Trezise from Mt. Holy Cross Commandery No. 5 sang in Latin for the Orders while playing an antique foot pump organ. The clouds did open up during the evening meal, but all were kept reasonably dry under portable tents while 150 Sir Knights and ladies enjoyed a steak dinner.

On the preceding page, pictured with the Class is the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Colorado, Sir Knight Robert Haas. Participants pictured are, front row: Fred Ems, Larry Trevaskis, Roger Mishmash, Will Hughes, the Grand Commander of Colorado Sir Knight Robert

Haas, Thomas Cook,, James Lamberson, Chip J. Kanne, and Vernon L. Estes; second row: Horace Varner, Clyde Hollenbeck, Bruce Limke, Paul Williams, Richard Wingate, Bruce Evans, Michael Rowan, Jarred Blair, Kato Mitchel, Victor Jones, Timothy Felton Sir, T. A. Miller, and John R. Gardner.

Sir Knight Douglas L. Johnson is a Past Grand Commander of Wyoming, a Past Department Commander of the Northwestern Department of the Grand Encampment, and currently is serving as the Chairman of the Membership Committee for the Grand Encampment. He resides at 5711 U.S. Highway 26, Dubois, WY 82513-9513.

KTEF Grant to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., has presented grants to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Shown in the picture are the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma and the Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for Oklahoma with the recipients of grants. Left to right are: Sir Knight Gary A. Davis, Grand Commander of Oklahoma, Dr. Dibyendu Chakraborty and Dr. Yogita Kanan, Department of Cell Biology, and Sir Knight Dewayne Dixon, KTEF Chairman for Oklahoma. Dr. Chakraborty and Dr. Kanan received \$30,000 grants each for their research relative to retinal degeneration.



Sir Knight Sousa's Farewell

by Sir Knight Peter H. Johnson, Jr.
P.G.C. of Arizona

Dr. James Francis Cooke, like his friend John Philip Sousa, was a giant of the music industry. Cooke was the editor of the famous music magazine, *The Etude*, published by the Philadelphia based Theodore Presser Company, which also published much of Sousa's music. The two had first met when Cooke was a teenager and won a composition contest. A pair of the youthful composer's original marches was selected to be played at a Manhattan Beach concert by Sousa and his band. Young Cooke had no money for transportation and walked all the way from Brooklyn to attend the premier of his works. Maestro Sousa was so taken back that such fine music had been written by someone so young that he blurted out, "You little rascal! You couldn't have written them." After the concert, the two "March Kings" went out for ice cream at a fancy hotel, and a lifelong friendship had begun.

On March 4, 1932, Cooke's old friend Sousa was in Philadelphia accompanied by his secretary, Miss Lillian Finegan, and soprano, Marjorie Moody. After registering at his hotel, Sousa immediately headed for the Presser firm and was soon in his colleague's office.

The 77-year-old Sousa's appearance had changed drastically since the time that the two had first met years ago at Manhattan Beach. Sousa's once dark hair was now a mere fringe of white, and his trademark beard had become a

distinguished moustache. The famous pince-nez eye glasses precariously perched on the great musician's nose, however, remained as always. Although still maintaining his usual hectic schedule, Sousa seemed frail and his presence evoked a sort of indefinable spiritual quality.

The musicians of the famous Marine Band Orchestra had noticed something the previous week when Sousa made an appearance as guest conductor. The "March King" led the ensemble in one of his finest "foot lifters," "Hands Across the Sea," and the performance seemed to be truly inspired. As the audience applauded, several usually stoic Marine musicians were in tears. It seemed as if angels were pulling on the old man's baton.

Sousa's greeting to his friend Cooke was resolute yet odd: "Dr. Cooke, do you believe in God?" Since the two were such close friends, the question was rhetorical. "Why certainly, Commander," Dr. Cooke responded.

Sousa continued, leaving little doubt that this philosophical discussion was the principal concern of his visit, "I am glad to hear that. I believe in God. I believe firmly in God. The trouble with modernistic music today is that it is written by men who don't believe in any kind of God. That is the reason why it won't last. Only that lasts which comes from God. These composers think they do it themselves. Fools! They acquire technique; they learn the machinery of composition. They can build great musical structures, but they can't make living things. They are not alive. All of my music, all of my melodies are not of

my own making; no matter how light, they came from a higher source. I have listened to a higher power."

Over the next twenty-four-hour period, the two friends discussed other subjects; however, Sousa returned to the subject of God three more times with new variations. Sousa elaborated further, "If there is no God, how could Schubert have rained out several masterpieces on the same day? Voltaire used to laugh at the idea of God but down deep he knew that there was a God. At the end he called aloud for his faith."

Sousa recapitulated his well-known thoughts concerning music and mankind: "They say that music is a luxury. It is, to anyone without a soul. Music inspires, enriches and ennobles. It revives the soul. Surely anything that does this is a necessity and not a luxury. With man, music is often the thing which brings him closest to his maker."

Sousa dined at Cooke's home on the evening of March 4, and afterwards both attended a performance of *the play, If Booth had Missed*. According to Dr. Cooke, "The Commander was an eleven-year-old boy when Lincoln died and enjoyed the performance hugely." Sousa awoke early the next morning. He seemed a bit weak but in good spirits. He asked his friend Cooke to take him to the Theodore Presser Home for Retired Music Teachers to pay a call.

After a light lunch at the Penn Athletic Club, Sousa complained of a cold and showed signs of fatigue. He was due in Reading that day to rehearse the Ringgold Band. The next day would be the band's 80th anniversary concert,

and the "March King" was scheduled to conduct part of the program. The elder Sousa had once quipped, "When you hear of Sousa retiring, you will hear of Sousa dead." The beloved musician would not deliberately disappoint his fans and colleagues. He took a long nap and purchased some cough medicine before boarding the train to Reading.

Arriving in Reading, Sousa was greeted by friends, band members, and a delegation from Gregg Post No. 12 of the American Legion. Excitement ran high as the world's most popular musician was escorted to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel and then to the Legion Hall for the all-important dress rehearsal.

Dr. Paul G. Fisher of Millersville, Pennsylvania, studied cornet as a boy with conductor of the Ringgold Band, Eugene Z. Weidner, and recently provided this rare eye-witness account of that famous rehearsal of so long ago. Dr. Fisher explains: "What a huge disappointment it was for me to be stricken with a serious viral infection the week Sousa was to appear with the Ringgold Band in their annual spring concert scheduled for March 6, 1932. My doctor had advised my parents that I should not be in public in my condition - But I wanted to see Sousa... Mr. Weidner allowed my father and I to stand in the hallway outside the rehearsal room so that I could observe Mr. Sousa in his rehearsal with the band.. .Sousa rehearsed his portion of the program with few suggestions. The band was well rehearsed and ready for the great occasion. The rehearsal concluded with Sousa conducting

his 'Stars and Stripes Forever' with little flourish and no comments. Sousa's small conducting gestures were noticeable to me. Was this his natural style, or a sign of old age, or even serious illness?"

After the rehearsal, Sousa, now visibly tired, and two hundred guests attended a banquet at the Wyomissing Club. Sousa again ate little and gave a short after dinner speech. The speech was said to be witty, but its content is now forgotten. The gracious Sousa next signed autographs for his numerous admirers. About 11:30 P.M. Sousa returned to his hotel room accompanied by his former cornet soloist, Albertus Meyers. He asked his friend "Bert" to accompany him to his room for a "night cap." As the two friends conversed, Sousa asked Meyers if he would consider returning to the band as tour manager. Meyers respectfully declined. He had already accepted the directorship of the famous Allentown Band in 1926. Although Albertus Meyers would be associated with the Allentown Band for the amazing tenure of 70 years, this night with Sousa would be the most poignant moment of his long career.

Meyers left Sousa's room soon after midnight. Shortly thereafter, severe coughing was heard coming from Sousa's room by his secretary Miss Finegan, who was staying in an adjacent room. She knocked on Sousa's door, but there was no answer. Attempts to locate a physician failed. It was discovered that John Philip Sousa had died of an apparent heart attack around 1:30 A.M., March 6, 1932.

Sousa's body was taken to the Auman Funeral Parlor in Reading. Despite the early hour, an honor guard from the American Legion accompanied the "March King's" remains. The honor guard again assisted as the coffin of Sousa was escorted through the wind and rain to the railroad station on that dreary Sunday afternoon of March 6. The Ringgold Band provided somber music to accompany the procession instead of the gala concert that was originally scheduled. Sousa's remains were sent by train to Washington, D.C., accompanied by his son-in law, Hamilton Albert, band manager Harry Askin, the American Legion Honor Guard, an honor guard from the Pennsylvania National Guard, and several dignitaries from Reading.

The United States Marine Band, which Sousa had conducted as a young man, broadcast three Sousa Memorial Programs successively on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. Sousa had conducted the combined bands of the Army, Navy, and Marines on the capitol grounds only two weeks previously on Washington's Birthday. The Wednesday night program featured an unknown young announcer named Arthur Godfrey. This was also the day that Sousa lay in state at the Marine Band auditorium for public viewing. This auditorium would later be named the John Philip Sousa Auditorium. Sousa was clothed in his Naval Commander's uniform. He had frequently appeared in concerts in such a uniform after retiring from the navy following World War I. Appropriately, a large American flag highlighted by

potted palms was displayed behind Sousa's coffin as a Marine honor guard stood at attention.

Sousa's funeral took place the next day on March 10 at the same location. The brief service was officiated by Sidney K. Evans, Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Navy, and Rev. Edward Gable of Christ Episcopal Church and was broadcast by the Columbia Broadcasting system. After the service, Sousa's casket was laid on a caisson drawn by eight white horses as the Marine Band played "Nearer My God to Thee" and "The Son of God Goes Forth to War." As the procession stepped off toward the Congressional Cemetery, the band played Sousa's "Semper Fidelis" at dirge tempo. Thousands lined the curb on that chilly, clear day to pay their last respects to the "Pied Piper of Patriotism."

The graveside service was also short. The Marine Band played "Lead Kindly Light," followed by the Masonic Service, prayer, and a rendition of "Taps" played by Sousa cornet-great Del Staigers.

Although no eulogy accompanied Sousa's services, a number of fitting tributes followed. Dr. Cooke published a eulogy to his old friend in the June 1932 issue of *The Etude*. The article was based on Cooke's unusual visit with Sousa hours before his passing. Cooke commented, "It actually seemed as though the great bandmaster had made the trip to us to leave this significant message to pass on to young American musicians."

Bandmaster Victor J. Grabel also wrote a beautiful tribute concerning the passing of his esteemed colleague:

"After John Philip Sousa - there is no other. Bandmaster pre-eminent; composer of unrivaled popularity; sterling patriot; ardent sportsman; accomplished writer; charming storyteller; gentleman supreme - though honored by presidents and kings, and decorated by foreign governments, he remained the simplest and most kindly of men..."

"Sousa's Band - a name of magical import! Without the genius and personality of John Philip Sousa it could never have become a reality - without his guiding hand it passes into eternal silence where are stored our most treasured memories.

"Affectionately known as 'March King,' his real kingdom was in the hearts of all music lovers - his crown jeweled with kindly deeds.

"Now he is gone - there is no other."

Masonic history: John Philip Sousa; Initiated July 15, 1881, all degrees were in Hiram Lodge No. 10, Washington, D.C.; Passed September 2, 1881; Raised November 10, 1881; Capitular (Chapter) degrees: September 16, 1886, Eureka Chapter No. 4, Washington, D.C. (later Eureka Naval Chapter); Red Cross, Malta, and Order of the Temple, December 3, 1886; Knighted, December 10, 1886, Columbia Commandery No. 2, Washington, D.C.; Initiated AAONMS, April 21, 1922, Almas Temple, Washington, D.C., also named Honorary Leader of the Almas Shrine Band.

Notes: Most of the information about the last days of Sousa was found in *John Philip Sousa - American Phenomenon* by Paul Bierley and in an Internet article, "The Last Thoughts of Sousa." Other sources included the Ringgold Band web site and *The Band Plays On* by Ronald Demkee. Sousa's Masonic record was found on the Famous Shriners web site.



Above: Sousa appeared frail in this photo taken hours before his death with Eugene Z. Weidner, director



of the Ringgold band. Above: the casket of Sousa as he lay in state on March 9, 1932.

50 Years of York Rite Masonry Recognized in Connecticut

On Friday, June 11, 2004, representatives of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters; and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Connecticut joined together in Danbury to present 50-year pins and certificates to 3 distinguished local Masons.

Crusader Commandery No. 10 hosted the event, which started with a wonderful turkey dinner in their newly renovated function hall. After dinner, all were invited upstairs to the lodge room, where they were welcomed by Sir Knight Charles McCollum, the E.C. of the Commandery.

The following grand officers were received and welcomed: from the Grand Chapter, Companion Charles McCollum, R.E. Grand King; from the Grand Council, Companion Peter Stapleton, R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; and from the Grand Commandery, Sir Knight William F. Lott, R.E. Grand Commander.

Companion McCollum presented Connecticut certificates and pins to Companion Edwin Allen and Ernest Hollomany, and a South Dakota certificate and pin to Companion James Robertson. Sir Knight Lott presented a Connecticut certificate and pin to Sir Knight Edwin Allen and a South Dakota certificate and pin to Sir Knight James Robertson. In the picture, left to right, are: front row, James D. Robertson, Ernest A. Hollomany, Jr., and Edwin B. Allen; back row: Peter Stapleton, Charles McCollum, and William F. Lott. (submitted by Sir Knight Robert D. Sherrick, editor of the Connecticut Supplement, *Knight Templar* magazine)



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The Pope reorganized the Italian Priories into a charitable organization, which has existed, in various forms, to the present day. The German elements of the Order eventually disintegrated.

An attempt was made to preserve the Order in England as a Protestant organization, and the Order of Knights of St. John was established as a hospital unit. This exists to the present time as the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and members of the Royal Family participate in its activities. This organization traces its existence back to the English branch of the old order.

There is no direct connection between the modern Masonic Order of Malta and the Hospitallers. Because the ancient Order of St. John inducted new members in a public ceremony, the ritual has remained on record. The moral and spiritual attributes exemplified by the ancient ceremonies have been retained in the ritual of our modern Order.

Origins Of English Templary

During the formative period of Speculative Freemasonry in England, early in the 18th century; all Masons professed a belief in Trinitarian Christianity. However, Anderson's Constitutions of 1723 and 1738 inculcated the highest reverence for The Supreme Being, thereby opening the craft to all good men and true, without regard for sectarianism.

Pope Clement XII in 1738 issued a Papal Bull excommunicating all Freemasons. In an effort to preserve the moral and spiritual values of Christianity within the craft, a number of Christian degrees were developed, primarily in France, and these were disseminated throughout the Masonic world. Of these degrees, the Order of the Temple, the Order of Malta, and the Degree of Rose Croix (not the Templar Red Cross) were to become well established in the Masonic systems.

While the Orders of the Temple and Malta may have been conferred at an earlier date in the British Isles, the first historic references appear in the early 1770s in Royal Arch Chapters. There were no printed rituals, and the ceremonies acquired different characteristics in England, Scotland, and Ireland. It is also possible that the degrees had been introduced into those countries by different continental sources.

The By-Laws of Stirling Kilwinning Lodge of Scotland (adopted in 1745) list the fee for conferring Knight of Malta to be 5 shillings. We have mentioned that the earliest documented conferral of the Templar Order was in St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter in Boston in 1769. It is believed that the Order was conferred by four members of Military Lodge No. 322 under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, attached to the 29th British Regiment, who were stationed in Boston at that time and appear as visitors in the records. There are historic accounts of Knights Templar in Britain during that period, but no records exist as to how they achieved that distinction.

Between 1770 and 1791, Encampments of Knights Templar were organized in Great Britain. Baldwyn Encampment in Bristol can trace their record from 1780, but claim existence from "time immemorial," and maintain that they have existed since the Templar suppression in 1312 A.D. In 1780, Baldwyn Encampment declared itself the Supreme Grand and Royal Encampment and issued Warrants for several new Encampments. This attempt to form a national body was not successful.

Other independent Encampments had been formed: Redemption Encampment in York; Observance Encampment at London; Eminent Encampment, Bristol; and Antiquity Encampment at Bath. There were others whose names have been lost. The Bristol Encampment asked Thomas Dunckerley to form a Grand body in 1791. Dunckerley, with seven Encampments, formed the Grand Conclave of "The Royal Exalted, Religious and Military Order of Heredom, Kadosh, Grand Elected Knight

Templars of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta." Baldwin Encampment did not unite with them until 1862.

Several events transpired to impede the growth of Templary: First, Parliament passed the Secret Societies Act in 1799, and the Grand Conclave took a conservative stance until the Act's effect on Masonic organizations could be determined. Second, after 1800, negotiations were underway to unite the major Grand Lodges of England, and many active Masons were strongly opposed to the, so called, "higher bodies." The opposition relaxed in the 1830s, and the Grand Conclave resumed normal activities in 1843. In the interim, additional Encampments had been organized, but all Templar activities maintained a "low key."

Until the 1850s, the English Encampments had each practiced its own ritual. At that time, the Grand Conclave, after considering the various workings, established a

uniform Knight Templar ritual for all Encampments. Several years later a uniform ritual for the Order of Malta, including the degree of Knight of St. Paul or the Mediterranean Pass, was established. The rituals are the ones in use to the present day.

An attempt to form a Convent General for England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales in the early 1870s, with each country retaining sovereignty within their territory, ended with only England and Ireland forming the compact. The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada joined at a later date. In 1895, the Convent General was disbanded, and each country has pursued its sovereign course to the present time.

Since July 19, 1895, Templary in England was governed by "The Great Priory of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, in England and Wales and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown."

To avoid confusion with the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem and considering the modern geographical locations of their subordinate Preceptories, the Great Priory, on May 18, 1977, amended their designation to, "The United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England and Wales and Provinces Overseas."

England, Wales, and their Provinces Overseas are divided into Provincial Priors for the direct supervision of their Preceptories (Commanderies). A separate organization exists within the Great Priory to regulate the Knights of Malta. This is headed by the Great Prior. This separate unit also exists within each local Preceptory to confer the Malta Orders. If the local Preceptor (Commander) is a Knight of Malta, he is automatically the Prior. If he is not, the local Priory elects one of their members Prior for the year.

Templar organizations throughout the world that are recognized and in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A., are:

The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, governed by The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master.

The Great Priory of England and Wales, under the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master. The Great Priory of Helvetia (Switzerland) headed by The Most Reverend Grand Master and Great Prior.

The Great Priory of Ireland, under The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master. The Great Priory of Scotland, whose head is The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master.

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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

Florida Commandery and American Legion Post Participate in Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Services



For the third year, the Commander of American Legion Post 5, U.S.S. *Tampa*, has invited Tampa-Ivanhoe Commandery No.8 of Tampa, Florida, to participate in the annual Memorial Day and Veteran's Day services at their post. The Commandery members serve as the honor guard and escort for the placing of the memorial wreaths in the adjoining American Legion cemetery, and they are the most popular of all units present. As a result, the Commandery has received news coverage from 2 TV stations and the local newspaper. Pictured, left to right, are: James Robertson, Sword Bearer; Howard Gardner, Recorder; Robert St. John, Captain General, who played the bag pipes at the memorial service; Daniel Hall, Post 5; Jim Armitage, Eminent Commander; James Blum, Warder. Not pictured but present was Donald Hawley, E.P. Commander.

Pennsylvania's 200-year Anniversary Stein Benefits the KTEF

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is celebrating its 200th anniversary, and they have manufactured a beautiful Chapter stein in commemoration of this event. The stein is 7 inches high, has a white ceramic body that holds a 20-oz. liquid measure, and has a pewter lid with a special insert. It has 8 different colors and is outlined in 22 c. gold. This is a limited edition of 3,000 pieces.



The price for the stein is \$30.00, which includes shipping and handling. For orders to be delivered outside the U.S., please add \$15.00 for additional shipping costs. If you are ordering steins, please state that you saw this ad in the *Knight Templar* magazine, and \$1.00 will be donated to the KTEF for each stein purchased. Delivery is about 4 weeks from the time you mail your order. If interested, please make your check or money order payable to Stanley C. Buz, and mail to him at: PO Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. Phone (610) 837-9429

Appomattox Commandery No. 6 Petersburg, Virginia Celebrates Saints John Day

The Sir Knights of Appomattox No. 6 attended Saints John Day services with the Masonic family of the 29th Masonic district of Virginia. 37 Masons, 10 Sir Knights in full uniform, and family members totaling over 80 attended the First Congregational Christian Church in Hopewell, Virginia, on Sunday, June 27, 2004. The sermon was delivered by Sir Knight J. Bruce Catron.

Sir Knight Joe Westfall, left, presented the Christian flag, and Sir Knight Henry Austin, right, presented the US flag. Sir Knights Grover Cheek and Robin Sowers played guitar and sang, respectively. The ladies of the church provided a covered dish meal after the services. Appomattox No. 6 has been participating in these services for several years, and attendance is growing annually. (submitted by Sir Knight Joe Westfall, P.D.D.G.C.)



North Central Department Conference-2004 Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America

The North Central Department Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, October 22-23, 2004, at the Oaks Hotel, 1-29 Exit 81, 3300 West Russell, PO Box 1214, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57107; telephone (605) 336-9000. The arrangements for this conference have been made in cooperation with the General Grand Council and General Grand Chapter as part of the North Central York Rite Conference. Sioux Falls is known for its hospitality and many area attractions and shopping opportunities.

It should be noted that the Statutes of the Grand Encampment require the attendance of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, and Grand Recorder of each of the Grand Commanderies in the Department. All other Sir Knights are also cordially invited to attend and to profit from this important and informative conference. The Friday, October 22, 2004, session has been added this year as an optional event. On that day, from 1-5 P.M., the Grand Encampment is offering drill training, primarily directed toward Drill Captains. This is a new program and will be of great interest to all Sir Knights.

Room reservations must be made directly with the Oaks Hotel. Please indicate that you are attending this conference in order to receive the group daily rate of only \$68 plus tax. Because a large number of members and their ladies attend this annual conference, it is recommended that reservations be made as early as possible. *The hotel reservation deadline is October 2, 2004.* Conference reservations may be made by completing the form printed on page 20.

North Central Department Conference
Friday and Saturday, October 22-23, 2004
Oaks Hotel, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Conference Registration Form

Name _____ Your Lady _____

Title of Your Office _____

Your Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____

Please circle which York Rite Body you will be representing:

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Please make check payable (in U.S. Funds) to "Grand York Rite".

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North Central Conference
Grand York Rite Office
520 S. First Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

For further information or special requirements contact Harlan "Pete" Peterson at the above
address, telephone 605-336-2910, E-mail ncyork@att.net.

Conference registrations must be received no later than October 15, 2004!



The Templar Automobile

by Sir Knight James Draper, KYCH

In the May 1976 issue of *the Knight Templar* magazine was an article on the Templar automobile. Sir Knight Edward A. Sabo, McKean Commandery No. 80, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, relayed the photo of the car and the information to the magazine. The article described the Templar auto as the "only small car built to Quality Standards."

I recently saw a Templar automobile, and yes, it is a very superior quality car for its day. It was manufactured in Lakewood, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, from 1917 until 1924. It is unknown as to how many of the original officers were Knights Templar: President M. F. Bramley, Vice President W. J. Hunkin and Treasurer D. C. Reed, and original engineers: A. M. Dean, P. F. Hackethal, Allen Bartlett, and M. E. Moringstar; however, most of these men were very active in Lakewood community affairs. They adopted the Maltese cross as the car's emblem.

There were five models offered in 1919: a five-passenger sedan at \$3,285, a two-passenger touring roadster at \$2,385, a four-passenger Victoria Elite at \$2,285, a five-passenger touring car at \$2,185, and a four-passenger Sportette at \$2,185. These prices were rather steep for that day, but if you want quality you must pay for it!

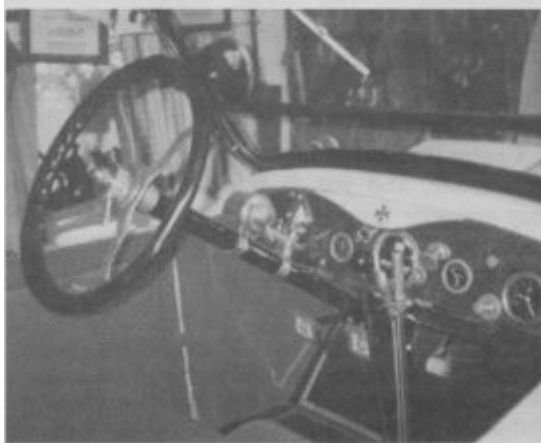
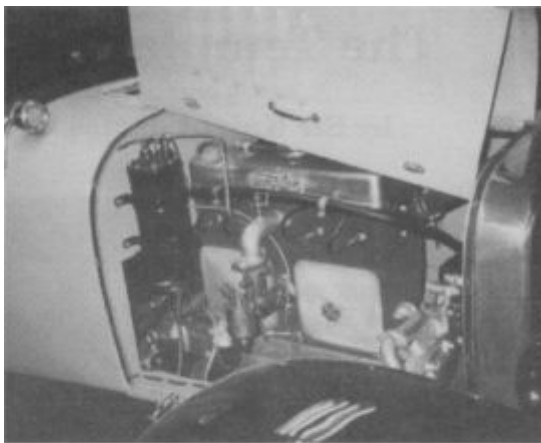
The 1921 Sportette that I saw had four cylinders, aluminum block engine that developed up to 43 horse-power, (some say 53 HP), with front wheel brakes, and a 118-inch wheel base. The Maltese cross was beautifully appointed all over the car. It was on the front radiator cap, the hub of each wheel, the spare on the back, the dash board, as well as on the side of the engine. Below the cross on the radiator cap is a mounted knight in full armor inside a triangle. The script word "Templar" appears on both sides of the engine's overhead valve covers.

Cannonball Baker, who raced from New York to Chicago in a record setting 26 hours and 50 minutes, is believed to have owned this car. Cannonball Baker also started the race from New York to San Francisco, the famous Cannonball Run.



*The Templar automobile: above: front view;
below: back view.*





This car may have been involved in that race as well.

A friend of mine has worked on this car rebuilding the water pump, fabricating a rear window basal, re-manufacturing the steering wheel control levers, welding reinforcement holes for the wheel studs, and manufacturing a wheel hub puller wrench. He says this car is as advertised "a superfine small car" and very dependable.

Approximately 6,000 cars were built during the factory's existence.

In 1920, 1,850 cars were manufactured. In 1921, a fire gutted the factory. As a result of the fire, the factory went into receivership in 1922. One hundred and twenty-five cars were produced in 1923, and 446 in 1924, before the Cleveland Bank foreclosed the Company in 1925. The car deserved a better fate.

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Above: Brother Maurice A. Storck, Sr. (right), who is president of the Veteran's National Stamp and Coin Club, receives the "20,000 Hour Award Plate" from Jayendra H. Shah, M.D., Chief of Staff, Executive Office, at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in the Fountain Courtyard, Southern Arizona VA Health Care System. The plate was presented on April 15, 2004, in Tucson, Arizona.



Above: Brother Maurice A. Storck, Sr. (left) is shown receiving the "Special Contributions Award" certificate for his "continuous support and dedication to patients' programs" presented on April 15, 2004, by Jonathan H. Gardner, FACE, Director, Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, Fountain Courtyard, Tucson, Arizona.

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@getgo.in.net



KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2¹/₂-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.

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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.

The Inaugural Builders

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg
KYCH, 33°

The origin of the craft guilds reverts in recorded history to many thousands of years ago. Archeologists have unearthed an ancient inscription in a Babylonian structure declaring that one of the kings of that nation, Nimrod, held the title of grand master himself or was a protector of some primitive trade guild.

Within the Old Testament are descriptions of Tubal-Cain as the founder of the smithing of gold, silver, bronze, and copper. The builders of ancient Israel record that Cabal founded the craft of geometry and first wrought houses made of stone.

The weavers' guild claims Naamah as its founder; a musicians' guild was created by Jubal, the master of the harp and the organ as well as the craft of singers.

Throughout the ancient Eastern world, the early craftsman sought out young workers and gave them extended periods of training, lasting for seven years. During this span of time, their work was evaluated by the masters of the craft; each candidate was promoted when his work was completed. Each apprentice was "entered" upon the rolls of the craft and was always addressed as "Brother." The youthful apprentice made progress and was advanced in accord with his knowledge and skill.

The books of "Chronicles" and "Kings" record active guilds of stonemasons working in the erection of the Great Temple of King Solomon, forming its foundation and walls. The

guilds of carpenters and wood workers constructed the stanchions and levers for the apparatus used in the lifting of the great blocks of stone.

Other ancient sources refer to the operative masons' guilds of Egypt, India, and China. It is believed that operative workmen received their first instruction from the Babylonians and from Hebrew masons who had traveled into Egypt and on to Memphis and Assuan.

It is recorded in Egyptian history that King Solomon was made a member of the guild (craft) of freemasons by King Pharaoh, who was reputed to be a grand master mason of Egypt. It is suggested, also, that King Solomon contributed a large sum of money to the Egyptians to obtain guild "trade secrets" for the builders of his Temple.

The early Romans developed an interest in stone work, which they had observed on roads being constructed in Great Britain. The first stone mason guilds of Rome were put to work in building roads in that country, some examples of which still exist. The Roman masons formed lodges or guilds in England. One of the earliest of these was found in the central part of the country, near Ulilesthorpe. It was here in 55 A.D. that the Roman General, Ostorius Scapula, ordered masons to construct a walled camp enclosing private homes built of stone.

When in 1066 the Normans invaded England, they brought with them large numbers of freemasons, among them Romans, Danes and Jews.

It is of interest to note that the ancient craft guilds were divided

into square masons, who worked with stone blocks of square dimensions, and arch masons, who carried out all types of curved stone construction; columns, arches, pillars, and domes. Both of these working guilds classified their adherents into degrees of progress from the first (entered apprentice), the second (craft fellow), and the third (superfellow). The fourth degree was concerned with the erection of precision structures. The 5th, 6th, and 7th degrees were reserved for the most advanced craftsmen.

Interestingly, all of this complex classification, bearing a marked similarity to modern Masonry, appears to have originated during remote reaches of time.

The human desire to create things of lasting value extends far back in time. Ancient Greek civilization was replete with skilled craftsmen and artisans who fashioned the temples, amphitheaters, and monuments that graced almost every corner of the Grecian landscape. The skills of these primitive workers escaped not the notice of King Solomon, who sought their assistance in the building of his magnificent temple, dedicated to the most high God of Israel.

In these first centuries, the Greeks labored independently or in small groups under the guidance of master craftsmen. As civilization extended westward along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, Rome was growing during the first century A.D. with a rapid increase in population. By the 7th century, large numbers of buildings, often church-centered, were dotting the Italian Peninsula.

By the next century, small clusters of builders had banded together in an effort to increase their training and skills by shared knowledge. Led by master craftsmen and architects, the workers honed their skills to achieve their aspirations. New recruits were brought into their ranks in large numbers.

They were given preliminary training as brick masons, stone masons, and carpenters; all existing trades that were employed in the building of great cathedrals in Rome and across Italy, France and Germany. At the end of the succeeding century, these trade associations became identified as guilds.

Other craft guilds began to appear after the 10th century.

Now there existed guilds of glass-workers, silk merchants, money changers and bankers, guilds of furriers and skinners, as well as guilds composed of judges, doctors, notaries, and apothecaries. Each of these organizations held a common bond of improvement in skill and in the economy of its members. The guilds further provided their members with instruction as they advanced in their various skills.

As new members entered these guilds, the expertise they developed allowed for the establishment of the professions.

During these early centuries, illiteracy was rampant. Almost none except for a few members of the clergy could read and write. The training of the craftsmen was achieved solely by means of oral communication and by example.

Loyalty and obedience were necessary; each member was impressed

with the importance of skill, industry, obedience, and the acquisition of knowledge and devoted service.

Turning once again to the first stages of human history, it is observed that men living in the primitive Eastern world found civilization divided into two broad classes, the rulers and the subjects whom they ruled. Such circumstances probably continued until the time of Alexander the Great. The ordinary man lived with his family among his domestic animals in the same dwelling, while he tilled a small patch of land not owned by him. Trusting in the labor of his hands, he could neither read nor write. In Babylon and later in Greece and Egypt, primitive skills of pottery, painting, and wood and stone carving were increased.

Babylon especially recognized and rewarded these attributes. Craftsmen were encouraged to practice their newly acquired skills and apply them to the fullest.

In the ancient Near East, a social pyramid (early trade union) began to emerge. Groups possessing common interests were enabled to make progress across the stage of human history. At the zenith of the social pyramid were members of the priesthood, and over them rose the king and his court. The lower levels were occupied by the artisans, merchants, and the military. On the lowest level were found the laborers, farmers, and herdsmen.

After the 4th century, B.C., the Greeks encouraged the craftsmen and artisans to band together for the common improvement in their independent skills. The builders

and stonemasons, by shared talents, were enabled to erect vastly beautiful temples, stadiums, and theaters, which have endured across the centuries. The influence of these first craft guilds spread westward to Rome during the first millennium.

By 100 A.D., the people of Rome and its environs were steeped in political conflict. The craftsmen and artisans of Rome were engaged in the construction of cathedrals, fountains, and villas for which this city is so well identified.

The wars that were raging throughout Europe between the 10th and the 13th centuries were slowly decreasing. Between the 11th and 15th centuries, there arose across western Europe a multitude of distinctly beautiful cathedrals and abbeys, Gothic architecture from the hands of guild craftsmen linking their work with the Roman church.

In Italy and Spain, the guilds were instrumental in the erection of sacred buildings. Some of these craft guilds in the 14th century received frequent commissions from wealthy patrons. These were awarded for the creation of singular works in wood or stone, some existing even today.

These craftsmen and artisans were enjoying great popularity during the ensuing two centuries. The guilds were now well-organized and were actively seeking out younger members as apprentices for the trades which would create the many religious structures in the cities and towns across Europe.

For membership in the early guilds, there was no formal ceremony of initiation. The candidates were simply enrolled (entered) upon

the membership roll. After a period of oral instruction, training was begun which extended sometimes over several years. Senior guild members would meet at intervals to review the progress of each trainee. Opportunities would be provided to discuss problems, not only those arising within their profession but personal ones if warranted.

Some guilds were not infrequently called upon to produce elaborate works commissioned by sponsoring noblemen or church officials. The glass workers' guild, as an example, was directed to produce stained glass windows often of magnificent proportions and coloration; windows have existed to the modern day as a tribute to a long-deceased sponsor.

These early craft guilds, though dedicated to recruiting and training young people to become craftsmen of great skill, were in effect providing a foundation for what, in the centuries to come, would serve for the erection of a

great world-wide fraternity of men who would symbolically build, in the hearts of men, a cathedral that would serve humanity; establishing in the distant future a bond among men that will endure for all time - a tie called "Freemasonry."

The Psalmist tells us: "Man goeth forth into his works and to his labors until the evening."

Sir Knight and Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33°, is a P.C. of the following Commanderies: Mizpah No. 53, Oak Lawn; Joliet No. 4, Joliet; and St. Elmo No. 64, Chicago; all are in Illinois. Presently, he is Recorder of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, Illinois; a member of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of Illinois; and the chairman of the Grand Commandery Historian Committee of Illinois. He is an associate professor (retired) at the Chicago Medical School in the Department of Pathology. He resides at 418 Huron Street, Park Forest, Illinois 60466-2206

Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12, Vladivostok, Russia

Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12 is the first Masonic Lodge constituted in eastern Russia since the Russian revolution in 1921, and the lodge is gaining new members with an average age of 46 years old. They have a well-furnished lodge room.

"Slava," Secretary of the lodge wrote: "We received \$600 from the Alaska Russian Relations Committee (supported by life-time membership fee) to furnish our lodge. Terry Quarton, a Past Alaska Master and active member of the lodge, added \$300."

Expenditures included manufacture of the altar, purchase of 3 chairs for officers, ten chairs for members, shades and curtain rails, lamps, flags, and materials for repairing the flat. Lodge members furnish the labor.

Russian Representative from Maine, R.W. Richard Rhoda, sent \$150 from Maine Masons for the altar apron, and retired ladies in Vladivostok made the new altar apron.

Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12 in Vladivostok has started a Masonic charity fund, and Robert Watkins, a lifetime member of Alexandria, Virginia, visited them and helped with the name for the charity fund, *Nezabudka*, the Russian word for "Forget-me-not."

Pacific Rim Lodge No. 567 in Long Beach, California, wrote that they wanted to send something to Pacific Rim No. 12 in Vladivostok, and the Russian lodge answered that they desired an American flag. An American flag was subsequently donated by the California lodge. (Information comes from a newsletter of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.)

Greg Kimberling Elected Grand Master of DeMolay International

Gregory L. Kimberling of Moscow, Idaho, has been elected to the highest adult position in DeMolay International, Grand Master. As Grand Master, Greg will serve as President of the Board of Directors of DeMolay International.



DeMolay, a youth leadership organization for boys between the ages of twelve and twenty-one, has chapters all over the world. Through DeMolay, boys learn leadership skills, the value of community service, and a respect and love for parents, family, and faith.

Greg will play a key role in building on the foundation of DeMolay, while keeping the focus on the youth that the organization serves.

Greg was elected the 73rd Grand Master of DeMolay International on June 19, 2004, at DeMolay's International Supreme Council Session in Denver, Colorado.

Greg joined DeMolay in Moscow, Idaho, in November of 1971. He joined E-Dah-Ho Chapter and has been involved ever since. In his youth, he was a State Master Councilor, the highest position a youth can hold at the state level.

Greg continues to be involved with the DeMolay Chapter in Moscow. On the International level, he has served as Chairman of the Budget and Finance and Convention Planning Committees, chaired the Executive Officer's Conference, and served on the Investments Committee for the organization. He served twice as Executive Officer of Idaho. He has been honored with the DeMolay Eagle Award in 1994 for Most Improved Jurisdiction, 2001 for Executive Officer of the Year, and 2003 for Member of the Year.

Greg's fraternal affiliations include Paradise Lodge No. 17, A.F. & A. M., Scottish Rite Valley of Lewiston, the York Rite Bodies, Calam Shrine, Order of Eastern Star, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, and Job's Daughters.

Greg is an agent with Farmers Insurance. He's affiliated with Newsome and Kimberling Insurance in Moscow, Idaho, and owns Kimberling Insurance in Orofino, Idaho. He has received a number of awards with Farmers Insurance Group. He continues to be involved in a number of community based organizations. He is a former Mayor of Wallace, Idaho, and served as National President of the University of Idaho Vandal Boosters in 1994.

"My participation in DeMolay has opened many positive doors for me in my lifetime," he said. "My current involvement with DeMolay gives me the same opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our future leaders."



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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.

Soon-to-be Commander is looking for second-hand gold Commander's sword. Also, I am looking for a size 7 and 1/8 or 7 and 1/4 chapeau in good condition, and hopefully including a carrying case. James Weekly, 1305 Vale Street, Sandwich, IL 60548; e-mail jweekly38@yahoo.com

I am trying to find my late father's Knight Templar sword, which was stolen years ago. He probably got the sword sometime during the late 1920s to early 1930s. We were living in Birmingham, Alabama, at the time. We were living in Cedartown, Georgia, when it was stolen. His name was on the blade, and the handle was ivory with a cross. His name was listed as "Millard G. Greer" or "George M. Greer." Substantial reward offered for its return. Millard Greer, P.O. Box 83, Cedartown, GA 30125-0083; e-mail mg9937@aol.com

Temple Commandery No. 41, Temple, Texas, celebrated its 100th anniversary in April 2004. Geld-look commemorative coins are being sold as a fund-raiser for the Commandery. The face has a Sir Knight, dates, and name of the Commandery. Back side has cross and crown. \$10.00 each with a portion to the KTEF. Checks or MOs to Temple Commandery No. 41. Mail to C. O. Jones, 2204 Patriot Drive, Logo Vista, TX 78645, (512) 267-1388

For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, pairs, finest quality available, all ranks, embroidered in extra fancy gold and silver bullion on velvet with Velcro backs: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate (green): \$40.00; Emeritus ranks: Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (red): \$45.00; Honorary Past Commander with H.C. in Old English silver lettering at foot of cross, \$50.00; Grand Commandery, Grand Rep. (red), \$50.00, and Past Grand Commander (purple): \$60.00. Also: chapeaux crosses: Sir Knight, \$35.00; Commander/Past Commander, \$40.00; Grand Commandery (red), \$50.00; Past Grand Commander (purple), \$55.00. Embroidered bullion sleeve crosses: Sir Knight (silver) and Commander or P.C. (gold), \$35.00. Metal lapel crosses (a pair) in silver, \$35.00; gold, \$40.00. Grand Commandery lapel crosses (red): \$45.00 (pair); Past Grand Commander (purple), \$50.00. Cap crosses in metal: silver, \$32.00; gold, \$38.00. Past Commander's jewel (gold plate), \$45.00. All plus shipping, handling, and insurance tag item, \$5.00; each additional item, \$1.00. Percentage to York Rite and Masonic charities. Checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., PC.; 60 Manor Rd; Staten Island; NY 10310-2698

While supplies last: Knight Templar dress ties the perfect Templar gift: cross and crown on square and compass (\$25.00 each). Help us celebrate 150 years of Templary in Texas. The Grand Commandery of Texas, formed in 1855 in San Antonio, will be commemorating its sesquicentennial in San Antonio, April 16-18, 2005. The ties are a fund-raiser for this event. Ties are navy blue with emblem. Large emblem tie (56 inches long) has one emblem of gold crown, red cross, blue square and compass outlined in gold on the body; small emblem tie (60 inches long) has reoccurring pattern of emblem with crown, square and compass in gold with red cross diagonally across body. Uniquely beautiful ties can be viewed at www.texasorkrite.org/tieo.html 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@hzhzlaw.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 St, S. W.; Patoskalo; OH 43062, (740) 927-7073

For sale: Knights Templar lapel flag pin has double-hasp American flag with Malta Knights Templar logo superimposed. Sale to benefit Pennsylvania's 154th Conclave Committee. Pins are \$4.00 each (minimum order is 5), postage included. Checks payable to 154th Annual Conclave Committee, and mail to Rev. William D. Hartman, 951 Bridge Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124

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 Stames, 156 Utica Street, Ibanawanda, NY 14150. call (716) 693-7226 or e-mail tonawsta@adelphia.net Checks to K T Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.

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

For Sale: Middle Georgia Chapter No. 165, RAM., the first RAM. 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 Dr Eastman, GA 31023, e-mail choppy31023@yahoo.com

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

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

Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175 in New Hampshire is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2004. The Lodge was chartered in 1964 on the 175th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, hence the name and number. The Lodge has available pewter and enamel commemorative coins for \$6.50 each, including postage in the US. Proceeds will benefit Masonic education in New Hampshire. Mark E. Furber, 11 Elwyn Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801-4417, (603) 436-1523; e-mail alor@furber.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 S & H: 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 306.80-2848, e-mail tagmaker@att.net

For sale: peel-off, vinyl, royal blue square and compass decals designed to fit on your license plate or window, 2 inches high, 1 inch wide. 6 vinyl decals for \$5.00, postpaid. Also, approx. 4-inch 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 Bar 732; Cochran; GA 31014.

Cochran Lodge No. 217, F&AM, Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project: In addition to the Masonic square and compass jewelry boxes, we are now offering Shrine jewelry boxes that are 5.5 x5.5 x2.5 inches in size and the shape of the Shrine logo, constructed of exotic woods from Central America, and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. 10% from these Shrine jewelry boxes will be going to the Shrine hospitals of North America, a portion will go directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund, and the rest will go to the charity work of the Lodge. The Shrine box is \$30.00 each and \$6.00 shipping in US. The Masonic square and compass box is \$20.00 each with \$6.00 S & H. Check or money order to Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; P.O. Bar 732; Cochran GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@higfoot.com

2008-200th anniversary of Masonry in Ohio: Now, you can help insure that this celebration will be a great success by purchasing a beautiful 200-piece jigsaw puzzle depicting Brother George Washington opening his lodge in 1788. This 16 x22-inch 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.ppdavis1@earthlink.net Proceeds to benefit the 2008 Bicentennial Fund.

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

For sale: Past Master's ring, new, size 10.5, will hold up to 1 Ct. stone, 10 Kt.-\$200.00. R. Fincher, FEC.; phone (505) 797-7456 or e-mail rfincher@cybemeso.com

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

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.) Please include your lodge name and number with your order if you wish to have them printed on your certificates. Make check out to Turn A. Stevens, 5 Old Duxbury Court, Fairfield, OH 45014. Phone (513) 942-2490; fax (513) 272-2830. Proceeds go to the John Hayes Gerard Masonic Scholarship Fund and 10% to KTEF.

Sprig of Acacia pin: each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24 gold vermeil; it will make a nice gift for the newly raised Brother, price is \$10.00 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% to 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 KTEE 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 Maccry Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., PO Box 9759, 3011 Old Dumbarton Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-0759, (804) 262-8551. The price is \$16.95 plus S & H. Author's portion of profits donated to KTEF.

For sale: customized Masonic gifts and incentive merchandise. Represent Masonry with pride through custom-imprinted gifts and presentation items, all reasonably priced and customized to your specifications. Choose from a variety, which include but are not limited to: lapel pins and custom designed coins, complete with your Masonic organization's name and logo. Gifts like these are perfect for leaders to commemorate their year as well as lodge anniversaries and other special occasions. These items are available in minimum quantity orders only. For ordering information or to receive a full color brochure and price list, call 800-765-1728, or write to Frank Looser, 408 Ashlar Circle, Nashville, TN 37211 or visit our website www.cnfinteractive.com. 3% goes to KTEF.

Wanted to buy: daggers, swords, and any other German military items; US military items; trains or train sets-American Flyer, Lionel, and Marx (any condition); Confederate or Civil War articles; and pre-1924 US stamps; retired Sir Knight: Tim Rickheirn, 14761 Tonniff Rd, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716; collect: (734) 854-3021 or e-mail vonrueckheirn@hotmail.com

19th Reunion of the U.S.S. Fred T Berry (DD/DDE 858) in San Diego, California, October 14-17, 2004. Contact Joe Ryan (MM3rd class, Plank Owner); PO Box 1; Garden Grove; CA 92842-0001 or work (714) 563-9111 or home (714) 530-9588

Life

by Sir Knight Bernie Campbell

A great breeze sighs. And before its Omnipotent breath
Frail dust rises -

Dances in the sunlight, scurries into shadows
Measured by the ticking of a clock
That rises and falls - Dawns and sets.

And when the breath diminishes,
Dust falls bit by bit, mote by mote,
Back to the earth -
Praying to rise again.

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