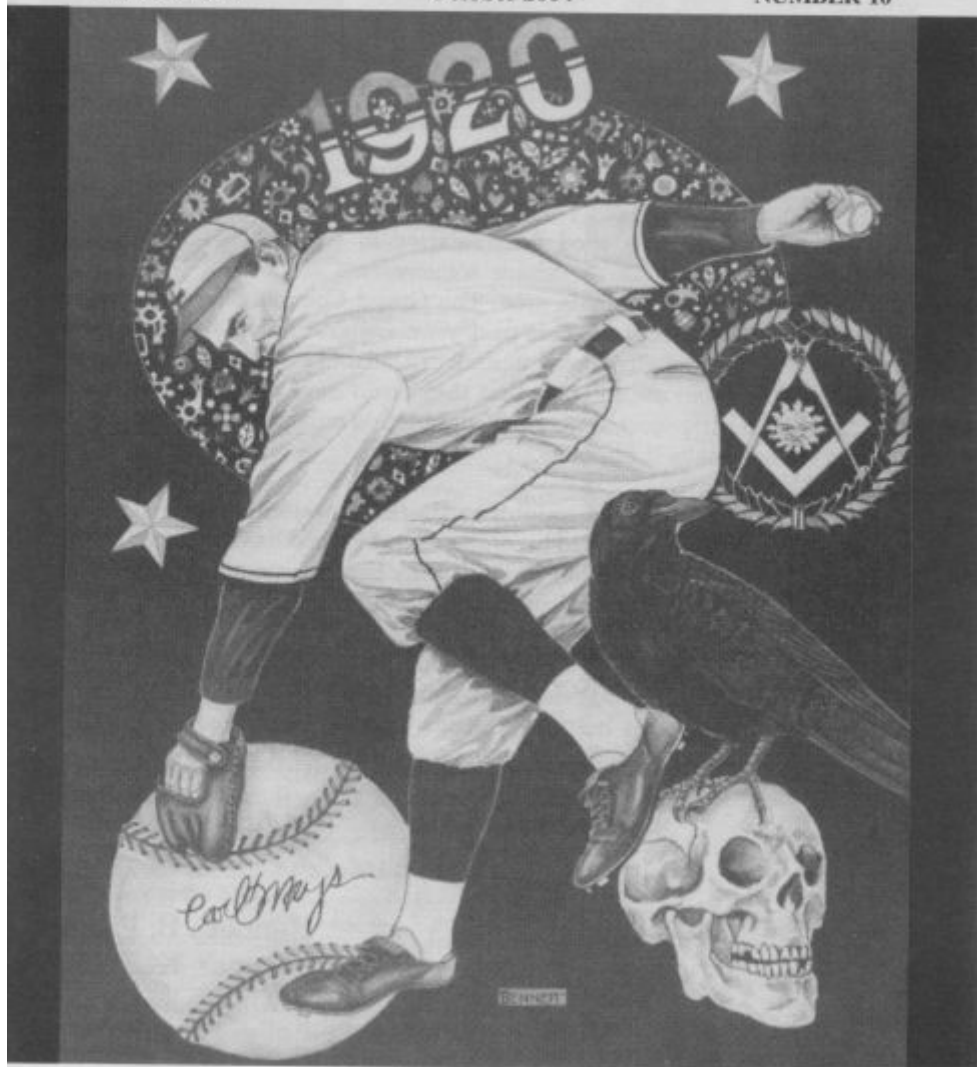


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The great submarine pitcher, Brother Carl W. Mays, and symbols of 1920, his tragic year in baseball. Part I of his story starts on page 23.

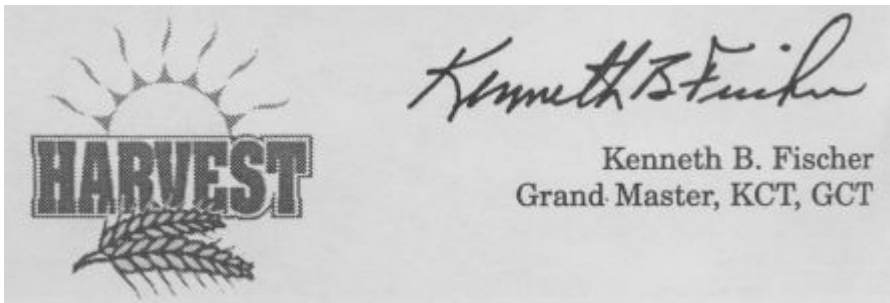
Grand Master's Message for October 2004

October is at or near the end of harvest time. It is the time when we celebrate a good harvest. This is the time of year when many county fairs are held, and it marks the end of summer and the beginning of the fall season. Generally, it is a very colorful time of year with the leaves turning from green to yellow, gold, and finally to deep reds or purples. Pumpkins abound, and we prepare for the Thanksgiving season. Fall is a happy time of the year. Several of our Northeastern Grand Commanderies meet at this time, and it is truly a good time for those meetings.

Speaking of the harvest, I hope that your Commandery has had a good year relative to membership. I would like to share some very exciting news with you in this area. The Grand Commandery of Louisiana showed a net GAIN of three this past year. Congratulations to R.E. Grand Commander Tuck and all of the Templars in Louisiana who made this happen. Sir Knight Tuck told me recently that they could have easily had 30 more if they had had a little more time. Sir Knights, this only proves that it is possible, and we can make it happen.

There are two words which might be the key to membership: ASK and **CARE**. If you ASK someone to become a member, you have a chance. If you do not ASK, you have no chance. Once they become members, show them that you CARE, and they will probably remain members.

This should be a time when we are moving forward with plans for a great year. Let's celebrate the harvest and plan for a better one next year. Set your goals high and get help. My father told me years ago: "You can do whatever you choose to do." That was true then, and it still is true.



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

OCTOBER: On page 2 Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer speaks of the season of harvest and the need to gain new members, just as we bring in the crops at this time of year! We have a new general Chairman for the 37th Annual Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and his first message, an introduction to the up-and-coming Campaign, is on page 5. New contributors to KTEF clubs are listed on page 6. A recipient of the KTEF writes a warm and inspiring letter, presented on page 7, and there's news of KTEF grants presented in Texas and California on page 8. It's time to begin the "harvest" for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, too! What a coincidence: a sword from the past with Sir Knight William H. Wood's initials! Don't miss Sir Knight Wood's story, starting on page 9! And our biographies this month concern two very interesting and accomplished Brothers, one a Sir Knight. We hope you will enjoy all of the October news items, too

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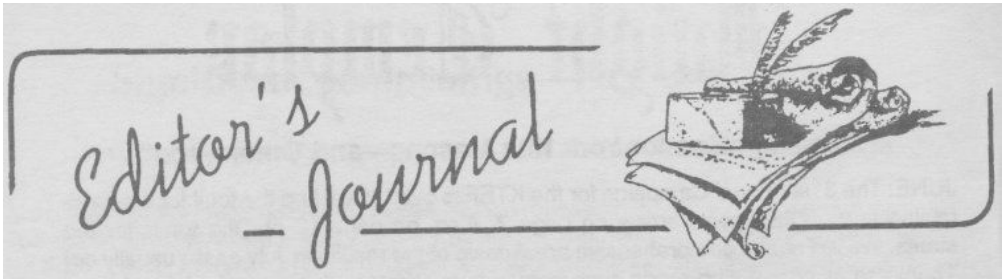
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62nd Triennial Memorabilia: From the 62nd Triennial Conclave, we still have available the black carrying cases that were given at registration - \$20.00 plus \$6.00 S & H (\$26.00). See above for ordering information.

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).

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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.

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



Message from the General Chairman of The 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign

by Dr. James N. Karnegis, Department Commander North Central
and General Chairman of the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign

Eyes Across America

Your Knights Templar Eye Foundation At
Work Today and Every Day

When you close your eyes in sleep at night, your Knights Templar Eye Foundation is still awake with its eyes wide open. What is it doing? Here are some things that **may make you blink.**

As you probably know, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has had a partnership with the American Academy of Ophthalmology since 1986. Originally called the "National EyeCare Program" and now better-named "Seniors EyeCare Program of EyeCare America," each

year this program has helped more and more seniors with eye problems. The recently released report for the fiscal year 2003-2004 showed the program has had a banner year.

As someone's eyesight diminishes, so does the ability to enjoy life's riches: watching his/her grandchildren grow, for example, or any of nature's visual wonders. Furthermore, when people go blind, they face loss of independence and its psychological aftermaths.

The effects of blindness are profound. Consider that worldwide some 180 million people are blind or visually disabled, the equivalent of two-thirds of the entire U.S. population. This number is expected to double by the year 2020, even though nearly 80 percent of all blindness is preventable or curable.

EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program offers eye exams and care for up to one year to seniors who are without an ophthalmologist, often at no out-of-pocket cost. Citizens of the United States and legal residents 65 years of age and older may be eligible to receive a referral for an eye exam. Those interested can call (800) 222-EYES (3937) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year to see if they are eligible.

The Seniors EyeCare Program provides a comprehensive eye exam and treatment for any disease detected in the initial visit for up to one year. 7,500 ophthalmologists, who have volunteered to participate in this program, provide the services. The physicians have agreed to accept Medicare or other insurance as payment in full. Individuals without insurance of any kind are not billed. Since 1986, more than 180,000 cases of eye disease have been treated!

More information on EyeCare America and its services is available at www.eyecareamerica.org

Thanks to the partnership between your Knights Templar Eye Foundation and EyeCare America, in the past fiscal year we were able to:



- Serve more than 19,802 American seniors
- Reach an audience of nearly 400 million with EyeCare America messages
- Facilitate delivery of more than \$1.3 million in medical eye care to seniors.

Now you can see what we mean when we say that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation never sleeps. But all the great good that is being done really depends upon only one thing - and that one thing is YOU. Our part of the credit for all of this work belongs to the individual Sir Knights, together with their Commanderies and Grand Commanderies. The continuation of this Seniors Program depends on your continued generous support.

The 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign, 2004-2005, will soon begin. Our sight-giving work will continue to succeed if the Campaign succeeds. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is the principal philanthropy of the Grand Encampment, and, therefore, it is the principal philanthropy of each Sir Knight. We **look forward** to great things ahead.

Sir Knight James N. Karnegis M.D., Ph.D., KCT, GCT
Chairman of the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign

Sir Knight James N. Karnegis, M.D., Ph.D., KCT, GCT, Right Eminent Department Commander of the North Central Department, Grand Encampment, is the General Chairman of the up-and-coming 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign. He resides at 20975 Bonanza Boulevard, Elkhorn, NE 68022-1838

NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO KTEF CLUBS

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No. 4,417--Mark E. Goebel (PA)	No. 4,419--William G. Eissler (PA)
No. 4,418--Edgar A. Rockwell, Sr. (KY)	No. 4,420--Robert D. Escherich (WA)

Grand Commander's Club

No. 102,038--Carl William Gaborik (VA)	102,040--Clarence T. Finkle (MD)
No. 102,039--Delbert L. Horn (KY)	

Contributors to the 33° Club

Thomas C. Letcher (CA), 33°	Carl E. Starkey (TX), 33°
Carl E. Starkey (TX), 33°	in honor of Owen E. Popham, 33°
in memory of Parker S. Presley, 33°	Carl E. Starkey (TX), 33°
Carl E. Starkey (TX), 33°	in memory of
in honor of Floyd C. Myers, 33°	John Williams Chandler, 33°
Carl E. Starkey (TX), 33°	Robert Grant Elrod (IN), 33°
in honor of R. Shearn Smith, 33°	James O. Wood (WA), 33°

A KTEF Recipient Writes...

January 25, 2004

Dear members of the Knights Templar:

I wanted to wait until my last eye exam was over so I could give you the results and thank all of you for allowing me to have my eye surgery done.

My surgery was a success, and I feel like God gave me a miracle. God often works through people who allow Him to do miracles, and I really believe He used you to work this one! Thank you so much for your generosity, and may God bless you!

What I'd like to share with you is my story.

At the end of August 2003, my baby brother (I call him that; he's really 55) went into the hospital for what they believed was pneumonia. A few days later they told him he had cancer in his brain, lungs, and above his kidneys and back.

To say the least, we all were in shock.

After dark I couldn't go see him unless I had someone to drive me, though in the day time I could manage. It was awful at night. After I almost wrecked my car a few times, it was as though I was becoming a prisoner in my own home: If I drove at all after dark, I had to stay close to my home where I was familiar with the roads.

I watched my brother fight so hard to beat his cancer that I thought, "If he can go through all that suffering, then, God, let me be brave enough to at least try to get my eyes fixed somehow."

Thanks to you, I was able to have the surgery, which is a success.

My brother passed away two weeks ago, 4 and 1/2 months from the day he found out about his cancer. I got a call from his wife at around 10:00 P.M. to come quickly as he was getting bad, and I was able to jump into my car and drive where he was. Because of you and your help, I was able to get to my brother's side. He died two days later.

You gave me back more than my sight. You gave me time - extra time - with my brother.

We take so much for granted: our families, our sight, etc. Please know that I don't take your help for granted. I appreciate you so very much. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I can never thank you enough for my sight!

Sincerely,
Shirley Diane Quinn
Clinton, Illinois



Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant Presentation at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

On August 2, 2004, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation presented a grant to JiJie Pang, Ph.D., at the Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. In the picture, from the left, are: Dan B. Jones, M.D. Magarett Root Brown Chairman and Sid W. Richardson Professor; Samuel M. Wu, Ph.D.; Jijie Pan, Ph.D., recipient of the KTEF grant; M.E. Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer; and Sir Knight Larry Tucker, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander of Texas.



Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant Presented to Doctor at Jules Stein Eye Clinic, University of California, LA

On August 12, 2004, members of Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 presented an award from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to Dr. Maria Ortube, M.D., and her associates at the Jules Stein Eye Clinic at the University of California, Los Angeles. This grant was made for the study of "Orbital Imaging in Craniostenosis," a birth defect in newborn children, which can cause blindness. Pictured, left to right, are: Paul McElwain, Grand Captain General; Richard T. Cooper, Past Grand Commander; Dr. Arthur Rosenbaum; Dr. Maria Ortube; Dr. Joseph L. Demer; and Donald J. Spencer, Assistant Director of Ritual for the Knights Templar of California.



The Father's Day Gift of a Knight Templar Sword

by Sir Knight William H. Wood, 33°

Father's Day of 2004 produced long distance calls from my Sir Knight nephew's two sons, one living in North Carolina and the other studying in, of all places, as far off as China. These young men, being much more experienced with computers than their father, relayed to him the information that they had seen an e-Bay notice that on that very day, June 20, 2004, there would be 3,000 Masonic items offered for auction. This, the first day that any of these three men had ever accessed this news of the auction, produced an image of an authentic, antique sword that was manufactured prior to 1899 by The Henderson-Ames Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Although this company has been out of business for more than sixty years, it was at one time a leading producer of uniforms, regalia, flags, emblems, and swords for fraternal organizations.

The e-Bay description noted, "The sword is 37 inches long and has an ivory handle. There is a scrimshaw of a cross on one side and the initials "WHW" on the other. The sword blade has very ornate etchings, and the name "William H. Wood" is also etched on the blade. The scabbard is 31 and 1/4 inches long. This is a very old collectable."

Imagine the incredulity felt by my nephew and his sons to see their uncle's name in the description and my personal wonderment as to whether this Brother Mason, who may have been born nearly a century before me, could perhaps be related to me!

A heated, competitive bidding process was begun immediately. Nephew Lloyd Smith HAD to have that sword, no matter what the price. He, therefore, enlisted the help of my two sons-in-law, John Fox and Edward Hobin, and my son John Wood. All are Brother Masons and were eager to pony up equal shares of the highest bid. Their loving, benevolent success with the project I shall never forget, nor will the circumstances of their presentation of this meaningful gift to me ever be removed from my memory. They met me in the parking lot of Riverside Lodge No. 266 in Jacksonville, Florida, just prior to the Master Mason Degree, and we were to witness the Raising of two of our mutual friends. Lloyd's trunk revealed a colorful package containing my sword, that had been brightly polished and beautifully wrapped by his wife.

Accompanying the gift were several pages derived from the Internet that depicted the ownership history of the sword since the original owner and notes about the Henderson-Ames Company. Also, there were personal notes of appreciation to me for providing the spark that made each of them members of the world's oldest and greatest fraternity.

And on a final note, a codicil to my will was suggested that may precipitate the request from my grandson, ANOTHER William H. Wood, for a petition. Am I expecting more than I deserve to hope that this continuation of incredible, odds-defying events may be possible when he becomes of age in another nine years and when I'll be 87? And would it not be even more overwhelming if I am still here to Raise him as a Master Mason?

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Correspondence to Bill Wood from John Wood, Eddie Hobin, John Fox, and Lloyd Smith: Subject: to say "Thank You!"

You have been an inspiration to all of us as you have introduced and indoctrinated us into the history and mysteries of Freemasonry, both Rites, Shrinedom, and Jesterdom. It is apparent that as time has passed you continue to inspire others on joining the experience as well as working toward necessary changes which will hopefully perpetuate the fraternities.

As a small token of our appreciation, we have come across what we think to be a unique and meaningful "Thank You." The enclosed was purchased for you on Father's Day via the Internet and e-Bay by all of us. It comes from Mr. Randall J. Harradine, 2 Hunters Pointe, Pittsford, NY 14534. It was given to Mr. Harradine's son by Mr. Harradine's father, who was a Mason many years ago. Prior to that, Mr. Harradine did not know the ownership history. It appears it was manufactured for the original owner sometime between 1893 and 1929; however, in reading the attached history of the business and its products one would think it was probably prior to 1899. We hope you find it to be a treasure and that it brings you conversational enjoyment for many years to come! In addition, we feel you will probably want to prepare a codicil to your will in which you specifically leave it to your namesake grandson to inspire him to enter the mysteries of Masonry and its extended bodies.

It was with incredible odds approaching infinity that the item was found among 3,000 Masonic items and that it was selling on that very day which was in fact the first day and only day we had been on that website. It was meant to be for you, Bill Wood, and it gives all of us immense pleasure to share in this gift for you. Thanks for all you have been and continue to be to each of us!

Correspondence to the "Fabulous Family Four" from Bill Wood

The thoughtfulness of you four guys and what you all mean to me will be fondly and lovingly remembered by this old geezer till his dying day! Mom was asleep when I got in from Lodge, so I had to wait until this a.m. to share my delight of Monday evening. She had left a note suggesting I "turn the light off at the stove." On it was an additional note (typical of this wonderful lady) to help myself to the several choices she had put there. I chose the Scotch, added two ice cubes, and settled into my chair to reread the gracious notes and other information about e-Bay and the sword. YOU CAN'T BEAT IT! I'm overwhelmed with gratitude!

"Doc" "Warbucks" Dad

Correspondence to John Wood;, Eddie Hobin, John Fox, and Lloyd Smith from Bill Wood.

It looks as though we may have found the original owner of the sword, although we are still tracking. The dates and places all seem to fit. At first we figured the sword to have been made prior to 1899, but now it seems to have been later. The HJA Co. was in business in 1910 when records show Wood became a Mason. I regret that he later demitted from Masonry.

For all this information, I am indebted to my new Masonic friend, Bob Cave, Recorder of Knights Templar in New York, and to the staff of the *Knight Templar* magazine, who kindly put me in touch with Sir Knight Cave. While this whole scenario may seem trivial to some, it has captivated my interest. I'm increasingly grateful to you guys for such a wonderful gesture.

Correspondence to William H. Wood from Bob Cave, Recorder of NY

Good to hear from you. As I said yesterday afternoon, here is what I found out from our Grand Lodge: A William H. Wood, born in 1873, became a Mason in 1910 at the age of 37. He later demitted from Masonry in 1941. He was a member of several lodges, but the one of interest is his membership in Rochester Lodge No. 660. As Rochester is right next to Pittsford, New York, where the latest owner of the sword, before you, lived, it is only natural the sword originated from this Wood who lived there or in the vicinity. Wood was a paper box maker according to the Grand Lodge records. Also, it seems that you have not a Past Commander's sword (gold) but a Sir Knight's sword (silver). Grand Lodge has no record of him after he demitted. It would be nice if we could further validate that the sword you have is from this Wood by pinpointing the Commandery that he belonged to, but here it gets a bit tricky. There were several Commanderies in the Rochester area that have been closed since 1941, and we would have to find the successor Commandery. The fact that he was not a Past Commander makes it a bit more difficult yet. However, I will do what I can to track it a bit further. If and when I find out anything more, I will be in touch.

***If more information becomes available,
we will publish it in future issues of Knight Templar***



**S. Flory Diehl
District of Columbia
Grand Commander-1983
Born: November 8, 1919
Died: September 2, 2004**

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Knights Templar of the Grand Commandery of New York Serve as Honor Guard for Stacy Lee Otto Ordination Ceremonies

The Knights Templar of the Grand Commandery, state of New York, accepted an invitation to participate in the honor guard for the ordination ceremonies of Ms. Stacy Lee Otto on Sunday, July 11, 2004, at the Crittenden Presbyterian Church USA in Crittenden, New York.

The honor guard was under the direction of then R.E. Grand Commander of New York State, Paul Barrera, Jr., along with several of the grand line officers, including Sir Knights Louis J. Wunsch, Jr., Grand Captain General; David Lathers, Grand Junior Warden; Bert A. Larson, Grand Sentinel; and Leland Jones, Zone Commander, Zone 12.

According to Sir Knight Jeffrey M. Williamson, Deputy Zone Commander of Zone 12, clerk of the session at the church, and our correspondent: "The honor guard added much dignity and decorum to the ceremonies of the afternoon, and visitors were simply thrilled and impressed with the presence of the Knights Templar."



Above are pictured the honor guard with the newly ordained Stacy Lee Otto. Left to right: Jeffrey M. Williamson, D.Z.C. and clerk of the session; David Lathers, G.Jr.W.; Louis J. Wunsch, Jr., G.C.G.; Paul Barrera, Jr., KCT and then R.E.G.C.;



Rev. Stacey Otto; Vern Rupert, P.C.; David Shire, D.Z.C.; Charles Matie; Douglas Harrison. Not shown but participating were: Bert A. Larson, KCT, G.S.; Leonard Mason, P.C.; and Leland Jones, Z.C. At left is Crittenden Presbyterian Church.

Judy Limas (Mrs. Elo E.) Installed Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant for 2004-2005

(Mrs. Elo E.) Judy Limas was installed Supreme Worthy President, Supreme Assembly Social Order of the Beauceant, on October 1, 2004, in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the 84th Annual Supreme Assembly. After visiting the 114 local Assemblies throughout the United States, Mrs. Limas will preside in Eugene, Oregon, in September of 2005.

Mrs. Limas was initiated into Omaha No. 91 in 1996, elected Preceptress in 1997, and served as President in 2000. She has since served in various other stations in her Assembly. She was elected Supreme Preceptress in 2001. Now a widow (her husband was a member of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1 of Omaha), she has been active in other Masonic areas, serving the Eastern Star as Worthy Matron in Narcissus Chapter No. 269 twice, and the Rainbow as Mother Advisor for Benson Diana No. 2 during the 1990s.

During her working years she taught school, everything from Preschool to Business College, and worked for the Nebraska Department of Social Services, where she met her Sir Knight, and Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. These last two positions dealt with Nebraska citizens in nursing homes.

In her spare time Mrs. Limas loves to do all types of handwork, particularly quilting, and reads detective fiction novels. Her Bible verse from II Corinthians, "We walk by faith not by sight," was selected to emphasize our work with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Her symbols; the iris, the fleur de lis, and the butterfly; were chosen because they were the symbols used by the Knights Templar of old. (submitted by *Knights Templar* contact for S.O.O.B., Mrs. Keith Dean, P.S.W.P.)



News from La Crosse Assembly No. 215, S.O.O.B., La Crosse, Wisconsin

Wonderful news has been added to the history of La Crosse Assembly No. 215 as two daughters of Sir Knights were initiated into the Assembly in the spring of 2004. At their 2003 session, the Supreme Assembly opened membership to mothers, daughters, and sisters of Knights Templar. Previously membership was only open to wives and widows of Sir Knights. La Crosse No. 215 was pleased to initiate Judy Bessinger, daughter of deceased Sir Knight, David Klehm of La Crosse Commandery No. 9, and Rae Canfield, daughter of Sir Knight John Barnes of Crusade Commandery No. 17 of Wisconsin Rapids. Rae's mother, Betty Barnes, was also initiated at the same meeting. Judy Bessinger's mother, Bernice Klehm, was on hand to witness the beautiful ceremony and share the day. Bernice served as Worthy President of the Assembly in 1967 and 1979.

In the left picture on the next page, left to right, are: row 1: Rae Canfield; Betty Barnes; Marjorie Braly; Roxanne Davis, W.P.; Bernice Klehm; Judy Bessinger; row 2: Marjorie Bush, Marie Beissel, Betty Winslow, Dorothy Wiedman; row 3: Gloria Roble, Janice Clark, Carol Dresser, Hazel Tyler, Mary Callaway, Norma Denny, and Donna Hersh. In the right picture are: Betty Barnes; Rae Canfield; Roxanne Davis, W.P.; Bernice Klehm, and Judy Bessinger. (submitted by Mary Callaway [Mrs. Martin], P.P.)



Sale of Blue Lodge Afghan-Throw to Benefit the KTEF



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

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

Tennessee Commandery Sells Lapel Pins to Benefit KTEF



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 at left. **The Commandery is very proud of its \$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. 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 5 pins can be viewed at the website: www.YorkriteUSA.org

Appeal for Florida - The Masonic Service Association

News reports have certainly confirmed how devastating the damage to people and property was after hurricanes Charlie and Frances pounded Florida. The devastation is very great, and help is desperately needed.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brethren and their families in this stricken jurisdiction. Please make checks payable to: The MSA Disaster Relief Fund. Send to: 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Richard E. Fletcher, P.G.M.
Executive Secretary

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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Origins Of American Templary

Historic references indicate that Masons holding membership under the Antient Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Ireland were responsible for introducing the Chivalric Orders into the American colonies. Few records exist from the early period, and it is impossible to clearly delineate the spread of the Chivalric Orders in America.

We have mentioned that the first record of conferral of the Templar degree was in St. Andrews Chapter in Boston in 1769. No English records show an earlier conferral. However, the three Orders of Knight Templar, Knight of Malta, and Knight of the Red Cross spread throughout the American colonies from 1769, and a few diplomas and certificates exist referring to these three Orders in the 1780s.

In 1782, a 'General Assembly of Knights Templars' under sanction of Lodge 190 in Charleston, S.C., on the registry of England (Ancients) created Donald McPherson a Knight Templar, and his certificate still exists. Then in 1783, again in Charleston, a diploma was issued by The Most Holy and Invincible Order of Knights Templar of St. Andrews Lodge No. 1, Ancient Masons, to Henry Beaumont certifying that he was a Knight of the Red Cross, a Knight Templar and a Knight of Malta. Both of these knightings took place under the authority of craft lodges with charters from the Ancient Grand Lodge of England. The 'Most Holy and Invincible Order of Knights Templar' of St. Andrews Lodge, Charleston, S.C., is recognized by historians as the first identifiable Templar body in the United States.

In a search for the earliest "Encampment" in America, history reveals that Baltimore Encampment (No. 1, Maryland) existed in 1790, but they have no records prior to 1802. An Encampment had been organized in Philadelphia by 1794, and a second one in the same city by 1797. There was one in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1795, and one in Carlisle in 1796. There are indications that an Encampment was at work in Newburyport, Massachusetts in 1795. An Encampment was listed in a New York City Directory in 1796. A Council of Knights of the Red Cross was organized in Boston in 1802 and became Boston Encampment in 1805. Other Encampments probably were organized during this period, but no records have been found.

During the War for American Independence, many American lodges lost contact with their mother Grand Lodges in England. When the war ended in 1783, primary attention was given to establishing Grand Lodges in the United States. Conferral of the associated degrees and orders tended to lapse while Constitutions, Statutes and Rituals were devised to govern Symbolic Freemasonry in the new Country. After Grand Lodges had been established in the various states, those organizations were in a position to develop without conflicting with the new Masonic Laws.

Pennsylvania

The first Grand Encampment to be formed in the United States was in Pennsylvania when the two Philadelphia Encampments met in convention with the Encampments from Harrisburg and Carlisle in Philadelphia on May 12, 1797. This Grand body soon became dormant, and no records of their activities have survived.

Between 1800 and 1814, additional Templar units began to work in New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania again established a Grand Encampment in 1814. In effect, this was a General Grand Encampment because, beside Philadelphia No. 1 and Pittsburgh No. 2, charters were issued to Rising Sun Encampment No. 1 of New

York City, Washington Encampment No. 1 of Wilmington, Delaware, and Baltimore No. 1, Baltimore, Maryland. As with their Grand Chapter, because their Symbolic Grand Lodge was Ancient York Masonry which had encompassed the degrees of Royal Arch and Knight Templar, the Pennsylvania Templars averred they were under control of their Grand Lodge. More about this later.

During the same period (1800-1814) Grand Encampments were formed in Massachusetts-Rhode Island and New York, but on a quite different basis...

Massachusetts And Rhode Island

In Massachusetts and Rhode Island a Grand Encampment was formed on May 6, 1805, in Providence, R.I. That convention was attended by a number of Knights Templar who do not appear to have been "delegates" from their Encampments. A complete list of those attending did not survive. However, those elected to office held membership in St. John's Encampment at Providence, Boston Encampment, and in Newburyport (Mass.) Encampment.

This Grand Encampment issued charters of recognition to Boston Encampment; St. John's at Providence; St. Paul's at Newport, R.I.; and Darius Council of Knights of the Red Cross at Portland, Maine. Newburyport Encampment did not affiliate until 1808. Thomas Smith Webb of Providence was elected Grand

Master and Henry Fowle of Boston, Generalissimo. Webb and Fowle had been the leaders in establishing their Encampments in 1802.

The new body was originally titled "The Grand Encampment of Rhode Island and jurisdictions thereunto belonging." In 1806, this was changed to "The United States Grand Encampment," and in 1816, to "The Grand Encampment." Also in

1816, the title for the presiding officer in a subordinate Encampment was changed from "Grand Master" to "Grand Commander."

Today, the "Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island" is the oldest body which has survived from its original organization.

New York

Prior to 1814, four self-established Encampments were known to exist in the State of New York. However, the Grand Encampment of N.Y was not organized by Knights of the New York Encampments but by Joseph Cerneau's Sovereign Grand Consistory (later Scottish Rite) on January 22, 1814. There are no records as to whether the members of this Consistory were actually Knights Templar at the time. They perfected their Grand Encampment with no subordinate Encampments and elected officers from members of the Consistory. The purported reason for organizing the Grand Encampment was to establish order to the Templar system which hitherto had been without a central control. After two years, in 1816, this body issued charters of recognition to Columbian Encampment in N.Y. as No. 5, and to Louisiana Encampment No. 6 in New Orleans which later became Indivisible Friends Encampment. The Grand body retained numbers 1 through 4 for the existing N. Y. Encampments until such time as they might desire to affiliate.

Thomas Lowndes represented this Grand Encampment at the organization of the General Grand Encampment in 1816, and after amending their Constitution in 1817 to comply with that of the General body, this Grand body acquired regular Templar status.

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Sir Knight Hiram Johnson: Reform Governor, Isolationist Senator, and Father of California Recall

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The recent excitement engendered by the California Recall Election of October 7, 2003, should provide Americans in general and Golden State residents in particular pause to remember Hiram Warren Johnson, who became one of the nation's key political figures during the first half of the twentieth century. From 1910 until his death thirty-five years later, Sir Knight and Brother Johnson - a maverick Republican - held center stage much of the time.

He first gained fame as a reform governor in California after his election in 1910 and went on to become the Bull Moose Party's candidate for vice-president on a ticket with Brother Theodore Roosevelt in 1912, the only time a third party ever took second place in a national election.

As a successful U.S. Senate candidate in 1916, he may have indirectly cost Charles Evans Hughes the Presidency, and by turning down a vice-presidential nomination in 1920, probably cost himself the White House.

Never afraid to take controversial positions, Johnson is almost as known for his isolationist foreign policy as for his earlier image as a reformer. A fifty-six year Mason, Brother Johnson was one of the most memorable figures of his era.

Hiram Warren Johnson was born in Sacramento on September 2, 1866, the



son of Grove and Annie Johnson. Grove Johnson was one of the California capital city's best-known and most successful attorneys, who served one term in Congress and several times in the state legislature.

Ironically, when young Hiram became seriously involved in politics, he staunchly opposed the power of the Southern Pacific Railroad while his father represented the S. P. and was considered one of their prime defenders.

Hiram attended the local schools and after finishing high school

worked briefly as a court stenographer before going to the University of California. He dropped out of college in his junior year when he married Minnie McNeal at age twenty.

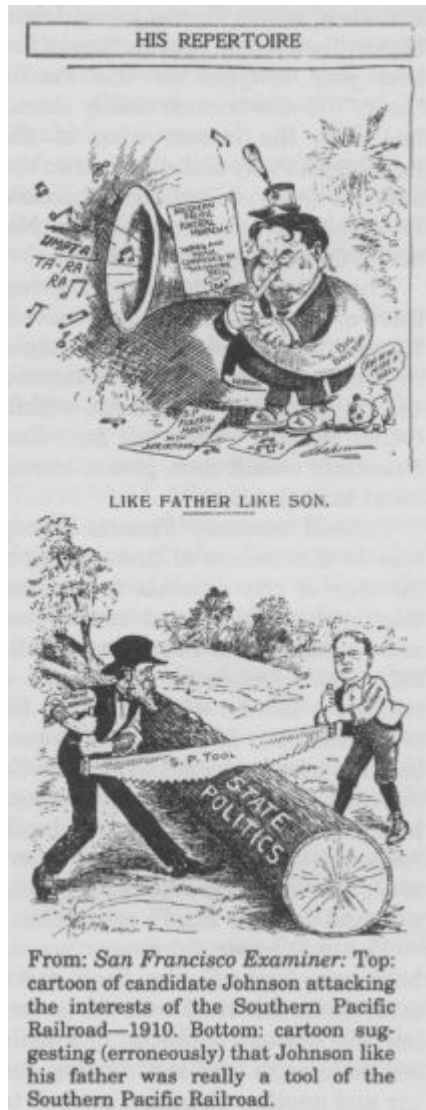
The young college dropout passed his bar exams in 1888, and both Hiram Johnson and his older brother Albert went into their father's law firm.

During his first full year as an attorney, Hiram Warren Johnson became a member of Washington Lodge No. 20 in Sacramento. He was initiated on March 21, 1889; passed on April 11, 1889; and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 9, 1889. He remained a member of Washington Lodge until his death. As a York Rite member, he joined Sacramento Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, and Sacramento Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. A futile search for his degree dates by current Recorder Jon Humphreys turned up nothing beyond his being in good standing at the time of his death. But it seems likely to have been either during the period after he was Raised or during the time he was governor, because he resided in San Francisco from 1902 onward except while he was in the state house.

Johnson practiced law with his father and brother for several years and became known as a courtroom attorney of quality.

Hiram's first real experience in politics came in 1892 when he and Albert managed their father's winning campaign for Congress; however, when time came for a second term, the sons refused to help because Grove Johnson had not been independent of the rail interests.

They in turn formed their own law firm and for several years father and sons were estranged. At one point Grove Johnson reportedly called them his "two chief enemies. . .Hiram, full of egotism.. .and Albert, full of booze."



The brothers then successfully supported reformer George Clark for mayor, and Hiram became city attorney. During this period, he further established his reputation as a reformer by cleaning up the vice and gambling interests in the city.

In 1902 the Johnson Brothers moved their law practice to San Francisco, where Hiram joined Islam Shrine Temple and became "one of the best jury lawyers on the Pacific Coast." He also became closely identified with the reform wing of the Republican Party and a disciple on the national scene of President Theodore Roosevelt (of Matinecock Lodge No. 806 in Oyster Bay, New York).

The reformers organized a group known as the Lincoln-Roosevelt League as a vehicle to promote reform and what came to be termed the "progressive" movement within GOP ranks. Events in San Francisco would soon give a strong boost to their cause.

Federal attorney Francis Heney was in the course of prosecuting a number of city officials in connection with bribery and corruption, most notably San Francisco "political boss" Abraham Ruef. At a moment filled with drama on November 13, 1908, a man whose convict past had caused him to be rejected as a juror shot Heney and later took his own life in his jail cell. Although Heney eventually recovered, Johnson took over the prosecution and secured Ruef's conviction.

The case made Johnson a household name in the Golden State and a favorite in the 1910 race for governor. He toured California in a little red auto with one son driving the car and another ringing a cowbell to announce the candidate's

arrival. He promised clean government, numerous reforms, and a pledge to get the Southern Pacific Railroad out of the state's politics.

He triumphed over four opponents in the primary getting 101,000 votes to his nearest rival's 55,000 but had a closer call in the general election winning over Democrat Theodore Bell by 177,000 to 155,000.

The heart of Governor Johnson's reforms - other than to reduce the influence of the Southern Pacific - was embodied in a series of state constitutional amendments submitted to the electorate in 1911. Among them was "recall." Removing public officials before the expiration of their term of office had been approved in other locales beginning with the Los Angeles City Charter of 1903 and the state of Oregon in 1908.

The most controversial aspect of the California plan came in the fact that it included judges; even some advocates opposed this portion on the grounds that it would subject judicial decisions to public whim; however, the recall amendment passed by a more than three to one margin while items considered much less controversial today, including initiative and women's suffrage, barely passed.

On the strength of his achievements in the Golden State, Teddy Roosevelt chose Johnson as his running mate on the Progressive Party ("Bull Moose" ticket) in 1912. The Roosevelt-Johnson team carried six states with 88 electoral votes and 27% of the popular vote nationwide, the only time a third party ever came in second place. The Bull Moose ticket narrowly carried California by a plurality of fewer than 200 votes.

Elected to a second term as Governor on the Progressive Ticket, Johnson pulled more than 460,000 votes to the regular Republican John Fredericks' 271,000 and Democrat John Curtin's 116,000. He continued reform programs but became increasingly drawn to national issues.

As Teddy Roosevelt returned to the Republican Party, it eventually dawned on Johnson that the Progressive Party was dying, and he too came back to the GOP ranks, but remained a party maverick.

In 1916 Hiram Johnson announced for the U.S. Senate. Elected easily, some blamed him for the defeat of Republican presidential nominee Charles Evans Hughes, who lost California and the White House by only 4,000 votes; however, as historian George Mowry has suggested, it seems more likely that women voters' support for Wilson ranked as the major factor. It is also true that Johnson's support for Hughes was less enthusiastic than it could have been.

Johnson held the Senate seat for the rest of his life. He was reelected in 1922, 1928, 1934, and 1940. By his last term, California voters by virtue of their open primary actually nominated the old reformer warhorse on not only the Republican ticket but also on the Democratic and Progressive party lines as well, although he got more votes on the GOP line than the others.

It would hardly be surprising to learn that Johnson continued his maverick ways throughout his Senate career.

In 1920 Sir Knight Warren Harding offered him the vice-presidential nomination, but Sir Knight Johnson rejected it, thus missing his best chance for the White House when Harding died in office in 1923. The Californian did challenge Calvin Coolidge in 1924 but failed to gain the nomination. During the Hoover administration, Johnson opposed Herbert Hoover's policies most of the time. Offered a cabinet post by Franklin Roosevelt in 1933, he refused it but did support enough of the New Deal to win an endorsement from FDR in 1934, when he received his largest majority yet; however, he soon fell out with Roosevelt.

During his Senate career Hiram Johnson became best known for isolationist views on foreign policy. He began this position shortly after entering the Senate in 1917 by voting against American entry into World War I. After the conflict ended he was one of the two or three most important of the "Irreconcilables" who opposed the Treaty of Versailles and American membership in the League of Nations.

In the words of historian Robert H. Ferrell, Johnson held to the viewpoint that the USA should continue "abstention from international political commitments" maintaining the freedom to act in her own best interests. During the twenties, he steadfastly opposed the United States joining the World Court, and one of the primary reasons for his break with FDR was his negative views toward the reciprocal trade treaties that the State Department negotiated in the era when Cordell Hull ran

foreign affairs. In the pre-World War II period he opposed any type of aid to the allies and in 1940 provided enthusiastic support for Woodrow Willkie, the first time he had been really enthusiastic about any Republican contender since the days of Teddy Roosevelt. Willkie's later internationalism must have disappointed him greatly.

Johnson did vote for a Declaration of War following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor but opposed using any National Guard troops outside of the Western Hemisphere.

One of his last efforts in the Senate was in opposition to the United States joining the United Nations. He announced his position from his deathbed, and shortly afterward, passed to the celestial lodge above on August 6, 1945.

Hiram Johnson's career was indeed an odd mixture. His enemies on the right considered him a "revolutionary," while those on the left called him "reactionary" He made numerous miscalculations and too frequently displayed more concern with personalities than with issues and principles.

While the "special interests" he fought in 1910 are different from those of more recent times, they can still create

problems for the broad spectrum of the public. This writer believes that when one looks at either the difficulties of Californians in the last two years or at the failure of the United Nations to do anything but pass meaningless resolutions and then do nothing to enforce them, if Sir Knight Hiram Johnson were alive today, he would probably be saying "I could have told you so."

Note: For a serious look at Hiram Johnson, see George E. Mowry, *The California Progressives* (1951) and Ralph Stone, *The Irreconcilables* (1970). See also his 1941 entry in *Current Biography*. For his Masonic record, I am indebted to the staff at the Grand Lodge of California and the York Rite Grand Bodies of California. Although his search proved fruitless, that of Jon Humphreys, Secretary of the Sacramento York Rite Bodies, was more than commendable.

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"The knowledge of man is as the waters, some descending from above, and some springing from beneath; the one informed by the light of nature, the other inspired by divine revelation."

Francis Bacon, 1561-1626
Advancement of Learning, bk. V

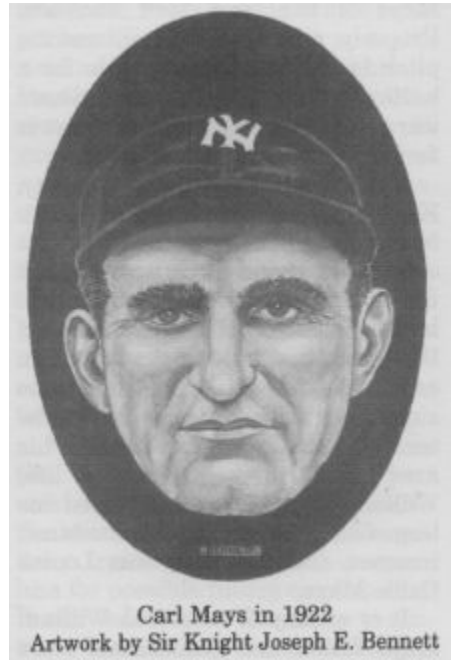
Part I: Brother Carl Mays: Trial By Media

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The year 1920 was an eventful one for the United States and a tragic milestone for major league baseball - a time of lurid headlines and lives scarred by historic events. Whether events were good or bad, countless lives were altered forever that year.

Prohibition became the law of the land on January 16, 1920, and on May 11, Chicago's crime lord, Big Jim Colosimo, was assassinated. With his passing, the Al Capone era was launched by the Windy City's underworld, and bootlegging became America's great cottage industry. On a more positive note, a landmark victory for gender equality granted women the right to vote on August 26. In baseball indictments were handed down charging eight Chicago White Sox players with conspiring to lose the 1919 World Series. Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis banished the eight accused from organized baseball for life. On August 16, 1920, Cleveland baseball player Ray Chapman was killed by a pitched ball thrown by Carl William Mays of the New York Yankees. It was a time of tragedy and sorrow for the "Boys of Summer."

The calamity which claimed the life of Ray Chapman had a direct impact on the Masonic Fraternity, inasmuch as three central figures were members of the Craft. They were Carl Mays, Chapman, and Ray's successor, Joe Sewell. The details of the tragic accident became the focus of a ravenous press,



who condemned Mays with mendacious insinuation and a rush to judgment by a few sulfurous individuals. The result was a life of condemnation for an honorable Mason devoid of culpability in the horrible accident. The details have never been fully recited to the Masonic community, to my knowledge. Hopefully, this account will help clear the record of a good and just man.

An underhand pitching motion does not come to an individual naturally. Usually, it is an adopted style precipitated by some accident to his throwing arm. In modern major league baseball, only two successful pitchers adopted a genuine underhand motion, both of them as a result of injured throwing arms. They were Eldon Auker of the Detroit Tigers and before him, Carl

Mays of the New York Yankees. Properly mastered, the submarine pitch is an intimidating style for a batter to face. The duet mentioned were of that genre. This account is focused on Brother Carl Mays.

Mays was born in Liberty, Kentucky, on November 12, 1891. Minor discrepancies in the birth date exist in some research sources, but the one stated appears most likely to be the correct one. Christened Carl William Mays, he was the son of an ordained Methodist preacher, who supplemented his income by ministering to other congregations in his area. A farmer in secular life, William Henry Mays supported his large family by pooling his combined incomes. Carl's mother was Louisa Callie Mays.

It is worthy of note that William Mays' father and grandfather were preachers and that Carl's male parent raised his family in the best traditions of a pious clergyman. Carl followed his parental guidance willingly and devoutly. In 1900 William moved his wife and seven children to Mansfield, Missouri, continuing his usual activities. He had no way of knowing that his life would end prematurely. William died of pneumonia in 1904, leaving 13-year-old Carl to serve as head of the house. The youngster worked diligently to support his mother and siblings.

Carl Mays dropped out in his fourth year of high school, yielding to the demands of working the farm. Reminiscing in later life, he retained few memories of his boyhood, except that he possessed a strong and accurate throwing arm from the beginning. He honed his throwing ability by killing small

game with stones. While still in his teens, the Mays family moved to Kingfisher, Oklahoma, in order to be near their maternal kinfolk.

Mays began playing semi-pro baseball soon after he moved to Kingfisher. He became an excellent, right-handed pitcher and a fine, left-handed hitter. Carl was paid five dollars for each game he pitched and won. Similar opportunities to play semi-pro ball arose as Carl matured into a 195-pound six-footer, as well as an impressive hurler. A dirt-poor farm boy without funds, he was obliged to "ride the rods" occasionally on a passing freight train.

Once arrested in Price, Utah, for jumping a train, he was jailed when unable to pay the fine. Carl made a deal to pitch for a local baseball team long enough to work off the fine. He was so successful that he was offered full-time employment. Carl declined, to sign his first pro contract with Boise, Idaho, in the Western Tri-State League.

By 1913 Mays was a 22-year-old pitcher for Portland, Oregon, of the Northwestern League, when he developed a sore throwing arm. Unable to lift his arm above eye level, Mays survived with Portland by virtue of his impressive hitting. Knowing he must revive his pitching skills or leave baseball, Carl focused on an alternative pitching style - an underhand delivery. He was fascinated with the pitching achievements and amazing longevity of turn-of-the-century pitching great, "Iron Man" Joe McGinnity, who survived in pro baseball until age 54. Carl was determined to master the submarine pitch. With the assistance and tutoring of former

major league catcher, Billy Sullivan, Mays became a better pitcher than ever before. Along with a baffling underhand delivery, he developed a blazing fast ball and a vicious sinker. Most important of all, he had fine control - absolutely essential for a successful hurler.

With his pitching career revitalized, Mays was sold to the Providence, Rhode Island team of the International League in 1914. Soon after reporting to Providence, the team affiliated with the Boston Red Sox club of the American League. Almost immediately, Carl was spotted by a Red Sox scout. He was called up to the Boston club at the beginning of the 1915 season.

Major league baseball in 1915 was comprised of a blend of brawling, hard-living young men, with a few college-educated players added to the mixture. Street-wise and confident, they were an intimidating group for Carl Mays. He was painfully aware of his lack of education and resentful of teammates who joshed him about his "country-boy" roots. Naturally introverted, Mays adopted a defensive shell which earned him the reputation of being withdrawn and anti-social. He cultivated no friends, scorning their off-duty entertainment preferences. Carl did not drink or smoke, and during his early years, refused to play ball on Sunday. He preferred his hotel room and declined to socialize. Before long, he was characterized as a hostile, recalcitrant loner, who had no friends - and wanted none. He was the antithesis of the gregarious George Herman "Babe" Ruth, who joined the Red Sox the same season as Mays.

During the early part of his rookie season, Mays was used as a relief

pitcher. His pitching skill and coolness under pressure elevated him to starting status before the end of the season. In 1915 he worked in 38 games, credited with a record of four losses and six wins. In the 1916 season, as a starting pitcher, Carl developed into a sophomore star at age 25. Aggressive and threatening on the pitching mound, he won 18 games, and had 13 losses. Red Sox owner, Harry Frazee, had a championship team, with Mays and Ruth as two of his brightest pitching stars.

When World War I erupted for the United States in 1917, Mays was a 20-game winner. Eligible for the military draft, he entered a military training program to prepare him for possible future combat duty. It allowed him the flexibility to continue his baseball career in Boston. Today, a military marker adorns Carl's grave site, in testimony of his patriotic service during WWI. During the 1917 baseball wars, Carl won 22 games, and lost nine.

In 1918 with World War I ending, Mays continued his winning ways with the Red Sox. He won 21 games, while losing 13, but a serious hostile breach was developing between Carl and his Red Sox teammates. Mays was convinced that support from the team was less than their best efforts, an attitude he attributed to his negative reputation and team antipathy toward him. Never hesitating to make his opinion known, Mays made no secret of the lack of support. The situation worsened. Although Mays' pitching was a major factor in the Red Sox World Series victory over the Chicago Cubs, he received virtually no acclamation for his contribution - winning two of their four victories.

Babe Ruth pitched and won the other two games.

The 1919 season proved to be a calamitous one for Carl Mays. It began on a good note, when romance became a part of his life. Carl was courting Marjorie Madden, a student at the New England Conservatory of Music. They married in 1919. Early in the year, construction was completed on a spacious new home for his mother back in Missouri. It was burned down intentionally while Carl was in spring training, representing a tremendous financial loss for him. Included in the loss were two mules killed and other livestock stolen. Most of his savings were invested in the home, and the insurance was woefully inadequate to cover his losses.

On the field, Carl's problems began to escalate. On Memorial Day during a game at Philadelphia against Connie Mack's Athletics, the fans set up a terrific din. Already distraught, the noise pushed Mays over the edge. In a fit of temper, he threw the ball into the stands, where it struck a spectator. Uninjured, the fan swore out a complaint against Mays, when the club refused any action. A warrant was issued against Carl. Refusing to return to Philadelphia or pay the fine in absentia, the Red Sox management paid up to settle the matter.

The situation with the Red Sox came to a climax for Mays on July 13, 1919. The team was losing to the Chicago White Sox by a score of 4-0 in the second inning. Catcher Wally Schang made an attempt to throw out a Chicago runner trying to steal second. Rather than reaching the second baseman, the ball struck Mays directly on the head.

Furious, Mays stormed off the mound and returned to the dressing room, where he showered and left the stadium refusing to finish the game. On July 13 Mays announced he would never play with the Red Sox again.

Harry Frazee, already strapped for cash to finance a Broadway play, arranged for an immediate trade with the New York Yankees. Carl left Boston, having worked in 22 games, with a record of eight wins and 12 losses. He arrived in New York in time to appear in 13 games, posting five wins and two losses. The change of scenery worked wonders on Mays' effectiveness.

The trade triggered a legal uproar which shook the foundations of the American League, severely limiting the authority of the league president, Ban Johnson, because of his operational interference with team owners. In January 1920 Frazee sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees, resolving his own financial problems. Frazee's actions eliminated the Red Sox from World Series competition until 1946. Over the next two years, he simply sold off his best players, emasculating the team. In New York, Mays and Babe Ruth became roommates, and the Yankee baseball dynasty was born.

When Mays came to the Yankee squad in August 1919, he made a new friend. He was Wilson L. "Chick" Fewster, the team's second baseman. During spring training in 1920, Fewster was struck on the head with a ball thrown by Brooklyn pitcher, Edward "Jeff" Pfeffer. Severely injured, Fewster spent many months as an invalid before recovering. The injury had a traumatic

effect on Carl Mays. He became acutely sensitive to the possibility of injuring a batter himself and exercised great care to throw with pin-point control.

Carl's personal performance in the 1920 season was outstanding from opening day. He pitched effectively and aggressively throughout the season, eventually posting a record of 26 wins and 11 losses. Mays was the ace of the Yankee pitching staff, and it seemed as if tranquility might return to his daily life. That possibility evaporated on the afternoon of August 20 at New York's Polo Grounds, where the Yankees were hosting the Cleveland Indians. In the first of the fifth inning, Mays was on the mound facing lead-off hitter Ray Chapman, the Indians' shortstop.

Chapman was leaning over home plate in a deep crouch, his traditional stance. Mays unleashed one of his submarine blazers toward the inside of the strike zone. For some inexplicable reason, Chapman did not draw back or make any attempt to get out of the way of the speeding pitch. The ball struck the unfortunate batter immediately over his left ear with a loud crack and rolled toward third base. Mays, thinking the ball had made contact with the bat, scooped it up and threw it to first base. Chapman had fallen to the ground unconscious. A doctor was summoned from the stands, while the stunned spectators watched in silence.

Within a short time, Chapman was revived sufficiently to stand with assistance. After a few feeble steps, he collapsed and was carried by ambulance to New York's St. Lawrence Hospital on West 163rd Street. After consultation, an emergency operation



was conducted by Dr. T. M. Merrigan, the hospital's Director of Surgery. When a section of skull was removed, the procedure revealed internal bleeding and trauma to the injured brain. Ray had been conscious briefly before surgery. He stabilized after the operation but soon began to lose ground. Never regaining consciousness, Ray died at 4:40 A.M. on August 17, 1920, approximately 12 hours after the injury was sustained.

**Part II of the Carl Mays' Story
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Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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

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



KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 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.

Under the Knights Templar Medicare

Supplement Plan, you will benefit in many ways: You have the freedom of choosing your own doctors and hospitals, there are no health questions or medical exams to qualify; there is no waiting period for pro-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.



Imperial Potentate and Past International Master Councilor Raoul L. Frevel, Sr., Visits DeMolay International

DeMolay International was honored to have Imperial Sir Raoul L. Frevel, Sr., visit the Service and Leadership Center on July 30, 2004.

When his motorcade pulled up in front of the Service and Leadership Center, he was greeted with applause by approximately 40 DeMolays, Advisors, Sweethearts, and Shriners from Missouri and Kansas. Raoul addressed the crowd enthusiastically. He shook hands with everyone present and posed for photos with DeMolays.



Once inside DeMolay International Headquarters, he was treated to a full tour, including the archive room and Dad Frank S. Land's Office. Raoul was particularly interested in Dad Land's photos and memorabilia from his time as Imperial Potentate fifty years ago. He had a chance to look at the International Master Councilor (IMC) collar that was retired and engraved with his name and year as IMC. Raoul also had the opportunity to have his photo taken sitting in Dad Land's chair in Dad Land's memorial office.



Before departing to attend the Shrine Bowl in Emporia, Kansas, Raoul took a moment to address the crowd. He was presented with an Honorary Membership into Mother Chapter as a gift from Missouri DeMolay. He was moved, and spoke to the crowd emotionally. He discussed how DeMolay is now more important than ever because of today's society. He also spoke directly to the youth in attendance, showing that he's never lost touch with the heart of DeMolay – today's young men.



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

For sale: lapel pins. The 64th Triennial Conclave Committee is offering a lapel pin (2 knights on horseback) for \$6.00 each, including S & H. Checks payable to 64th Triennial Conclave Committee, 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, Ithaca, NY 14850. 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

Cochran Lodge No. 21, F. & A.M., 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 Chiiirens'js4pm 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 still \$20.00 each with \$6.00 S & H. Check or MO to Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A. Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

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.ppdavisl@earthlink.net Proceeds to benefit the 2008 Bicentennial Fund.

U As Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Brothers, we are asking for help with a special project: We are going to schools with articles from WWII to display and giving personal accounts of experiences in combat. I was in the infantry in Europe, and my friend, Glen Sumner, was in the Pacific in the Navy during 1944-1945. We have been able to take many items to these sessions. We are on our own and have no backing, but we are willing to pay any reasonable price for items we can use. These children have little knowledge of what it was all about. If you can help, contact us at Charles Deal, 3514 Delrose Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914. On request we can send copies of photos taken during presentations.

For sale: Angels: God's Heavenly Beings, a book by Sir Knight and Reverend Steven G. Tiner, Grand Chaplain/Prelate of the York Rite Grand Bodies of Arkansas. The books are \$5.00 each plus \$1.00 per book for shipping and handling. Order from Levy Baptist Church, 3501 Pike Avenue, North Little Rock, AR 72118-4821

New novelty book available: Pythagoras, This Cross Is for You, by Past Master and Past Commander Jack N. Barricklo - \$6.00 each, postpaid. '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

For sale: Masonic knives, personalized for Past Masters, new members, 50-year members, retiring Worshipful Master, etc. These are very nice 2-blade Trappers with bone handles and inlaid Masonic emblem. Personal information is etched on the blades. These are great gifts for any Mason and a great addition to any collection. To view pictures and see ordering information, go to www.durrententerprises.com/wedpages/mailform.html For questions e-mail masonicknives@durrententerprises.com

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 30 years and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. Especially needed are Hawaiian and Alaskan pennies. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705; (520) 888-7585

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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 Tom A. Stevens, 5 Old Duxbury Court, Fairfield, OH 45014. Phone (513) 942-2490; fax (513) 272-2830. Proceeds go to the John Hayes Gerard Masonic Scholarship Fund and 10% to KTEF.

Sprig of Acacia pin: each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24K 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 KTEF. S. Kenneth Bard, 6809 Main Street, Apt. 2 West, Cincinnati, OH 45244-3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (513) 272-2830.

For sale: The Medal of Honor The Letter G in Valor, a 268-page digest with the names, congressional citations, and Lodge membership of all Masons who have received our nation's highest military award for bravery. Books may be obtained by contacting Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., PO Box 9759, 3011 Old Dumbarton Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-0759, (804) 262-6551. The price is \$16.95 plus S & H. Author's portion of profits donated to KTEF.

For sale: custom die cast coins, belt buckles, lapel pins, and much more. 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 ledge 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.cnfinter.clive.com 3% goes to Tennessee Grand Lodge Building Fund.

Attention: help available at a reasonable price, digital hearing instruments, from a semi-retired hearing aid fitter. If you live within a 50-mile radius of Erie, Pennsylvania, call 897-1486, or e-mail vsonnycalkins@hotmail.com Ask for Sonny. A minimum of 10% will be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Buying all US and foreign coins, paper money, tokens, medals, silver, proof sets. Also selling \$20.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00 gold coins. Call for quotes. Buyer has 40 years experience. Donating a % of profits to the KTEF. Randy Mogren, 8 Gould Street, Millbury, MA 01527, (508) 865-4816.

Attention, submariners: Information wanted as to how or where I can write to get a daily log of the submarine SS 'Funny' (S282) during her WWII activities. Robert E. Salter, 834 Bellefontaine Avenue, Lima, OH 45801-4503.

What Is the Happiness of Life?

by Brother David Kane, P.M.

It is the strength of your own being, the inner caring thoughts of your creative mind, the true love that you willingly give to the people who surround you, the intrinsic gift of talent which you are eagerly inclined to share with others. When you have achieved all of these attributes, then and only then, will you have discovered the Happiness of Life.

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