



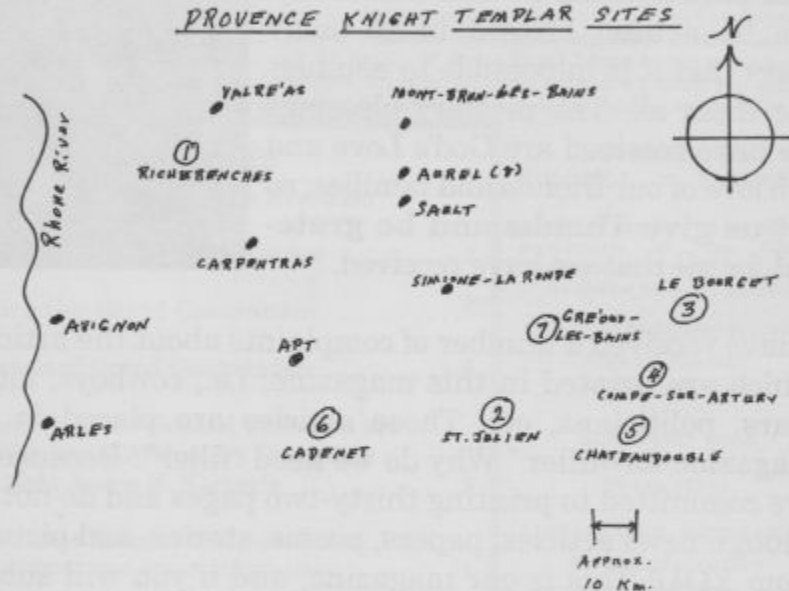
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Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt speaks of early sites of the Knights Templar in Provence, a southern part of France. The story starts on page 13.

Grand Master's Message for November Thanksgiving - 2004

We have much to be thankful for this year. Even though there is much trouble in the world, we are still very fortunate to be living in this Country and participating in this Fraternity. We have been blessed in so many ways that it is impossible to enumerate them all. The primary blessings we have received are God's Love and the love of our friends and families, so let us give Thanks and be grateful for all that we have received.



I have received a number of complaints about the articles, which are printed in this magazine; i.e., cowboys, movie stars, politicians, etc. Those articles are placed in the magazine for "filler." Why do we need "filler"? Because we are committed to printing thirty-two pages and do not get enough news articles, papers, poems, stories, and pictures from YOU! This is our magazine, and if you will submit the aforementioned pieces, they will be published. If they are time-dependent, they must be in the hands of the Editor at least six weeks in advance of the issue in which you wish for them to appear, so send them in. I do not care who writes them as long as they are in good taste and appropriate for this order.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth B. Fischer".

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

Knight Templar

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

NOVEMBER: On page 2 Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving, while reminding us to count our blessings! On page 5-7 we celebrate our Grand Commanders for 2004-2005 with their pictures! Their addresses follow on page 8. On page 9 General Chairman of the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF, Sir Knight and Dr. James N. Karnegis brings you word of the outstanding support of the S.O.O.B. for the KTEF; don't miss it! New contributors to KTEF clubs are listed on page 10. It's time to plan and begin work for the Annual Campaign for the KTEF. The Campaign starts on December 1, 2004! Sir Knight Bennett's marvelous story about Brother Carl Mays is concluded this month, and Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt brings to our pages an astounding account of ancient Templar vestiges in southern France! We think you will surely enjoy that one and all the other interesting items included in this November issue.

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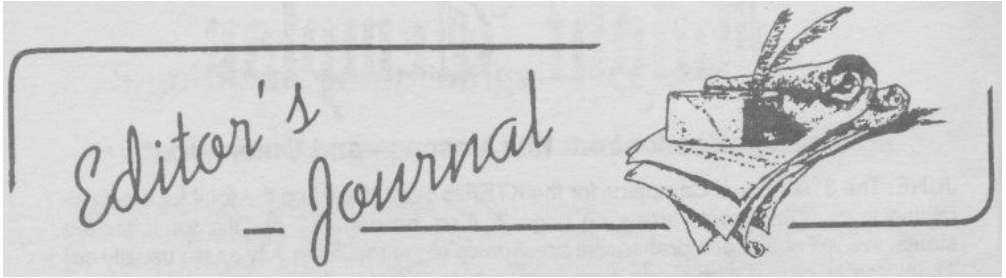
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Contacts for all Masonic organizations listed in our January 2004 issue should have the form for our next listing in January 2005. Please respond immediately as the magazine goes to the printer about December 12, 2004. If your organization has a new contact, please inform him/her of this. We would rather not leave any organization out!

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

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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.

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

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Saluting Our Grand Commanders

Congratulations are extended from our Most Eminent Grand Master, Kenneth Bernard Fischer, and the grand officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the fifty-one newly elected Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies under their jurisdiction. As part of this salute to their dedication and tireless service to Templary, *Knight Templar* magazine is printing the names and pictures available of the Sir Knights who will serve as Grand Commanders for the current Templar year.

These Grand Commanders, whose pictures appear on these pages, will be the guiding hands on the tiller of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.





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

by Dr. James N. Karnegis, Department Commander, North Central
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EYES ACROSS AMERICA

Now Focus on "Some of Our Business"



S O O B

It is not only the Sir Knights who understand the importance of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. How about these amazing Ladies?

The Social Order of the Beauceant (SOOB) (originally known as "Some of Our Business") held their Annual Assembly in Little Rock, Arkansas from September 26 to October 1, 2004. The SOOB has been a staunch and generous supporter of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation over the years, and this past year was no exception. Look at their report for the period 9-1-2003 to 8-31-2004: **their 5,890 members contributed \$34,179.03!**

They had 7 assemblies that gave \$1000 or more, namely,

Denver #1, Colorado	\$2340.58
Newton #6, Kansas	\$1341.25
Long Beach #39, California	\$1516.16
Los Angeles #42, California	\$1809.96
Austin #125, Texas	\$1104.03
Norfolk #235, Virginia	\$1125.00
Westminster #245, Maryland	\$1000.00

This is wonderful news, and every Commandery that is fortunate enough to be associated with an Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant should have a special recognition event to thank these special Ladies. They not only support the Sir Knights and the Commanderies every day in many ways, but they also march in the front ranks in the fight against eye diseases. They are the largest organizational supporter of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and, up to 6-30-2004, have contributed \$1,155,322.87!

James N Karnegis MD, PhD, KCT, GCT
Chairman, 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

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How to join the Grand Commander's or Grand Master's clubs: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual

contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc; 1000 East State Parkway, Suite I; Schaumburg; IL 60173. The new phone number is: (847) 490-3838. The new fax number is: (847) 490-3777

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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



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

Sale of Past Master Stein to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

This Past Master stein was produced as a dedication to Brother William Mumpower, Jr., and Brother George Spielman and all Brothers who are Past Masters in the Blue Lodge. The stein is 7 and 1/2 inches tall, and it is made of white German porcelain and has a pewter lid. On top of the lid is the Holy Bible, on the front of the stein is the Past Master's symbol, and other artwork is on each side of the Past Master symbol. The stein has Matthew 7:7 on the bottom of the stein. This stein is very colorful. The price of the stein is \$60.00, and for each stein sold through the *Knights Templar* magazine, there will be a \$10.00 donation to the KTEF. If interested, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, PO Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052



Searching for Templars in Provence

by Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt
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Introduction:

When one thinks about the ancient Knights Templar and their presence in Europe during and after the period of the crusades, it is natural to associate them with France and realize that many of their castles, fortresses, and farmlands were located in that country; After all, the last Grand Master, Jacques DeMolay, and many of his senior Sir Knights were originally French citizens. The trials conducted under Pope Clement V took place in France, and DeMolay and his associates were executed there. Consequently, when I had an opportunity to visit in a part of France, it is not surprising that I should try to find some of the structures of the Knights Templar and determine if some authentic sites associated with that Christian order still remain.

My wife and I recently spent about 12 days in the area of Provence in the southern part of France. She was attending an artists' workshop conducted by her teacher, who is French, and her husband. Since I am certainly no artist, I was "along for the ride." I did enjoy seeing the interesting medieval villages and beautiful fields of lavender flowers, though. Believe me, the artists were treated to many outstanding vistas to paint. I was able to do some special sightseeing, as well as listening in on some of the art lessons. As you will learn

later, it is a good thing that I did listen; it came in handy.

We first spent a few days in Paris and then traveled by train to Avignon. From there we went by car up into the hill country; where we enjoyed accommodations and meals in a lovely, old farmhouse, converted into a *chambré d'hotel*. Its name was "Roquepierre," and it was located between the villages of Aurel and Mont Brun-les-Baines. (Please refer to the map on the cover.) One interesting visit I made was back to Avignon to see the Palace of the Popes. Our "friend" Clement V had left Rome in 1309 to escape the anarchy caused by warring aristocrats. He lived first in Carpentras and later in Avignon. The third Provençal pope, Benedict XII, erected the first half of the vast palace. His successor, Clement VI, finished the job. The palace eventually covered 2.6 acres. The book about Avignon claims that both Knights Templar and Hospitallers had "headquarters" there, but who knows?

I was able to identify several Knights Templar locations. I hope the following brief descriptions will be as interesting to the reader as they were to me. Those sites are shown on the map on the cover. Knights Templar sites are numbered, and a few of the major towns are included just for orientation. Unfortunately, because of distance I was only able to actually visit two of the installations.

1. **Richerenches:** The description of Richerenches states that it was chosen for the establishment of "the first Commandery in Provence." The

travel guide says the following about the order: "The Order of the Knights Templar (12th and 13th centuries), a mighty organization made up of soldier-monks, was founded to deliver the Tomb of Christ in Jerusalem." (Wonder how they arrived at that description?) Today, only walls of the enclosure remain, but there is a self-guided historical discovery path in the heart of the village. It is marked by numerous medallions specifying locations of interest. One wonders what knight may have turned over this village to the order. Was it done during the crusades or after?

2. Saint-Julien-le-Montagnier: This village is located in the area called War," which they advertise as having "the most beautiful villages in France." Certainly St.-Julien qualifies as one of them. It stands at the top of a 578-meter bill. The major attractions are, first, the beautiful Romanesque church, la Saite-Trinite, and second, the ramparts fortified by the Knights Templar. That construction was done in the 13th century. The gate through those ramparts is currently being restored.

3. Le Bourguet: It is unfortunate that the reference books did not tell more about this village, because it is one with a Knights Templar chapel. I wish that I could have gone there to see if that chapel is round, as is speculated about most of those built by the Knights Templar. The village is obviously dominated by that chapel, however, because it has only two streets! One contains the Knights Templar chapel, and the other street has another church. It's a very "worshipful" and "holy" town!

4. Comps-sur-Artuby: This fortified village was, apparently, a major site for the Knights Templar. They are credited with being the lords of the village throughout their existence. The guide references call it one of the most beautiful sites in the Var. The Saint-André chapel was built by the Templars. It is listed as a "fortified chapel," and is registered as a significant historic building. Since it is in reasonably good condition, one assumes that the Hospitallers respected it when they took over.

5. Chateaudouble: The village of Chateaudouble certainly deserves its unusual name - it is the site of two castles. They are perched above 130-meter-deep canyons - an outstanding defense location. Like most of the similar villages, it is replete with cobblestone streets and vaulted passageways. Although there is no specific building identified, the village is listed as "deriving from the Templar era." Very likely at least one of the castles would have been occupied by members of the order. Interestingly, there are also some prehistoric caves near this village, and they are also registered and protected sites.

6. Cadenet: This is one of the sites that I was able to visit, although not able to get any closer than the road, a couple of hundred yards away. It is privately owned and not open to the public. You will see from the figure on page 15 (top) why I am glad I did some sketching. My photographs of both this building and the next one

were lost; I only have my drawings to show approximately what they look like.

The tower, known as "Malconseil" is located some four km outside the town of Cadenet. It was built by the Templars along the outline of a thin, rocky crest. Pierre de Cardenet gave his estate to the Knights Templar in 1185, and apparently he became a Knight of the order. A farmhouse was built on the location, along with a modest tower and defensive dungeon. Legend has it that there was an underground tunnel to the Chateau d'Ansouis some kilometers away. Malconseil was handed over to the Hospitallers, as were most Knights Templar assets, in the 13th century. It was sold in 1513 to a certain Hierosme Liotard. It has changed hands many times over the intervening years to owners including the Lord of Collongues, Gabriel-Pierre Davon, and the Justice of the Peace of Cadenet. It was used as a hunting lodge by a Paul Bresson of Pertuis.

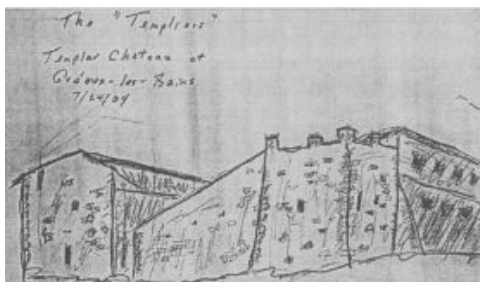
An additional floor was added in 1877, and it was decorated in the Neogothic style. There is an annex building across a moat, with a bridge joining the two. The conical-angled turrets and cornice-lined terrace are a later addition and not typical of 12th century architecture. The countryside around Malconseil is a flat valley, so it was apparently intended as a defensive outpost for protection of that surrounding area.



7. Greoux-les-Bains: I have saved my favorite for the last. The picture below will give you a rough idea of the impressive nature of this large fortress, on the top of a steep hill above the village of Greoux-les-Bains. (I can testify to the steepness, since I climbed all the way and walked around the whole thing.) Locally, the castle is called "le Templiers." It has a large, square tower, and a smaller, uncapped, round one. The structure surrounds a rectangular courtyard.

After the manor was given to the Knights Hospitallers, it was sold in 1320 to Arnaud de Than, Baron of Greoux. From then until the 17th century it passed into the hands of various aristocratic families of Provence through marriage or inheritance. In

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Formation Of General Grand Encampment

On May 15, 1816, the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island initiated the movement to form a General Grand Encampment. They appointed Thomas Smith Webb, Henry Fowle, and John Snow as delegates, to meet with delegates from other Grand Encampments, "...upon the subject of a general union of all the Encampments in the United States under one head and general form of government..."

These delegates, with several from New York, which included Thomas Lowndes, met with a group from Pennsylvania in Philadelphia on June 11, 1816. After nine days in Philadelphia and despairing of any agreement with the Pennsylvania delegation, the Massachusetts-Rhode Island and New York delegates moved the "Convention" to New York City and established The General Grand Encampment on June 21, 1816.

Dewitt Clinton, the titular Grand Master of the N.Y. Grand Encampment, who had been elected General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons on June 6th of that year, was elected General Grand Master to enhance the prestige of the order from the outset. Thomas Smith Webb, the prime mover for this convention and Grand King of General Grand Chapter, was elected Deputy General Grand Master. Among the other officers elected and appointed were: Henry Fowle as General Grand Generalissimo; Thomas Lowndes, General Grand Warder; and John Snow, General Grand Standard Bearer.

The General Grand Encampment was in good hands from the beginning with Webb, Fowle, Lowndes and Snow on the roster of officers. These men had previously proven their dedication and interest toward advancing the principles of Freemasonry in this country. Any organization with dedicated and knowledgeable leadership is bound to succeed. Thomas Smith Webb administered the affairs of the General body until his death on July 6, 1819, two months prior to the second Conclave.

It should be noted here that two problems prevented the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania from affiliating with the General Grand Encampment. First, as has been mentioned, they considered that the Symbolic Grand Lodge held sovereignty over the Chivalric Orders and could not conceive of a national organization claiming jurisdiction over those degrees. Second, after comparing the ritualistic practices of Pennsylvania against those of New England and New York and finding great disparity between them and being reluctant to consider a revision, Pennsylvania refused to consider unification. Those problems were later worked out, and the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania received a Charter of Recognition on April 12, 1854.

The General Constitution called for the second Conclave to be held in three years (1819) and every seven years thereafter. Between conclaves, the dais officers were empowered to issue warrants for new Encampments and Grand Encampments, or Charters of Recognition in the case of previously organized Encampments. At the third Conclave in 1826, the Constitution was amended to provide for triennial conclaves for the future.

Two Encampments received Charters at the second Conclave. At the third Conclave, Charters were issued to the following Grand Encampments: Virginia, Vermont, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. All Grand Encampments were represented at the third Triennial except North Carolina and Georgia. North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia soon became dormant and were reorganized at a later date.

The period of anti-Masonic activity (1826-1832) had a subduing effect on Templar expansion, and a number of Encampments and Grand Encampments became dormant. At the same time, additional Encampments were quietly formed with the result that Templary maintained its numbers during that period. Nevertheless, it was a number of years before Templar expansion resumed.

By the 13th Triennial Conclave in 1856, conditions had normalized throughout the country. Many dormant Grand Encampments had been reactivated and several newly chartered. At that Conclave the Constitution was amended and many titles were changed. The State Grand Encampments were re-designated Grand Commanderies, and their presiding officers became Grand Commanders. All "General" references were dropped from the national body, it becoming "The Grand Encampment" and the presiding officer, the "Most Eminent Grand Master." The local bodies became "Commanderies." This Conclave also first established "the official uniform" for a Knight Templar, which has been revised a number of times in the ensuing years.

There was little similarity in the ritualistic work of the various Grand Commanderies. A great deal of opposition was encountered in efforts to establish a standard work. An approved ritual was finally adopted at the 1886 Triennial, and for the first time, printed. After many years of discussion as to the rightful place of the Order of Malta in the sequence for conferral, it was placed last in the printed ritual. This would indicate that it was the prime degree of the rite, which was not the case. The Order of the Temple remained at the apex, whereas, the Order of Malta could be conferred in full or short form, indicating its lesser status. In England the Order of Malta had been (and is) conferred last as an optional degree, and that situation probably affected the result in the American placement. At the 34th Triennial in 1919, the sequence was altered, and Commanderies since that time confer the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple, in that order.

The Grand Encampment, Knights Templar Of The U.S.A.

The Grand Encampment, since its inception in 1816, has been the sovereign head for American Templary. All Grand Commanderies in the United States and the Philippines (and Italy) are subordinate to it. However, all legislation enacted at Triennial Conclaves is discussed, amended, and voted upon, and passed or rejected, by the delegates from the Grand Commanderies and the subordinate Commanderies, so, in effect, the Grand Encampment is actually the Grand Commanderies in legislative session. This differs from the General Grand Chapter and the General Grand Council, where the State bodies are completely sovereign within their jurisdictions.

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1782 it was owned by the Albertas family, at which time it was elevated to a Marquisate by King Louis XIV. They used it as a summer residence, but in 1800 it was sold as state property. Royalist thugs pillaged the castle, and it was abandoned.

At the present time this castle is being carefully and beautifully restored, and it is used for cultural events such as concerts, theater, and the like.

8. Hospitallers in Aurel: I would be remiss if I did not also include the bottom picture on the cover from the little village of Aurel, which was our "center of operation." Our instructors have a very nice home there. The tower in that town is attributed to the Knights Hospitallers. It is adjacent to the church, part of which probably goes back to the 12th century. The tower is now private property and also is accessible only from the outside.

Conclusion:

Naturally, this little escapade left far more questions than answers about the locations of Knights Templar in Provence. In the short time I was there and with limited travel opportunities, I was forced to rely on the written word wherever I could find it. It was a lot of fun, however, and well worth the time spent with it. I want to express sincere thanks to my hosts, art instructors Jim Smyth and Brigitte Curt. They went out of their way to advise me as much as they could, and they helped in finding references to much of the above information.

Does this little bit of information whet your appetite, as it did mine, for more information? We can wonder: How many Knights Templar facilities were there in Provence? Can it possibly be known completely? The buildings are one item, many of which still stand and can be seen. What about all the lands and farms, however? Is there any way of knowing how many hundreds of acres were involved and where they are? When **you** go to Provence or anywhere else in France, I hope you will catch the bug and continue this search. Happy hunting!

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On the Masonic Newsfront...

Appomattox Commandery No. 6 Repays Visit to Bayard Commandery No. 15 after 114 Years

On March 19, 1890, twenty-one members of Bayard Commandery No. 15 traveled by the Norfolk and Western Mail Train to Petersburg, Virginia, where they were met at the depot and welcomed by Appomattox Commandery No. 6. They joined in formation and marched west on Bollingbrook Street and then left on Sycamore Street, where they were stopped and a group picture was taken. They then proceeded south on Sycamore Street to Central Park, where a large group of spectators witnessed the inspection and services. The Sir Knights then returned to the asylum. Eminent Commander Blanks gracefully introduced the guests and extended to them a most cordial welcome. Most Worshipful R. T. Craighill, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, being present, was also greeted as a distinguished visitor. The Commandery was opened at 8:00 P.M., where the Order of the Temple was conferred on one candidate. After this the Sir Knights partook of the wholesome banquet prepared in honor of the occasion. Very interesting speeches were made by Commander Blanks and Commander W. F. Winch, Bayard Commandery No. 15. The Sir Knights of Bayard Commandery were then escorted to the depot and left for home, leaving the most delightful impressions and carrying with them, we trust, nothing but happy memories of their pilgrimage to the city.

One hundred and fourteen years later, eleven members of Appomattox Commandery No. 6 traveled to Bayard Commandery No. 15 in Roanoke, Virginia, by motor home and presented a copy of the picture that was taken in 1890 and also a copy of the minutes of the occasion. This event was very enjoyable, and the food and fellowship were incomparable. (submitted by Sir Knight Joe Westfall, P.D.D.G.C.)



At left is Sir Knight Joe Westfall of Appomattox Commandery No. 6, presenting the picture to Sir Knight Cecil E. Gillespie of Bayard Commandery No. 15, as Eminent Commander C. Shirley Edgerton of Appomattox Commandery No. 6 looks on.

Grand Commandery of District of Columbia Awards Scholarship

On July 10, 2004, INRI Commandery No. 4 of Washington, DC, held a Masonic family picnic at Patuxent River Park in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. At the picnic college student, Andrew Reiter, one of two DC scholarship recipients, received his check for \$3,000.00 from the hands of Sir Knight Paul D. Gleason, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of DC, who filled in for Sir Knight Louis N. Abreu III, the Grand Commander, who could not attend.

In the first row, left to right, are: Bennie Owens, P.G.C. of MD; Hugh Shawen, P.G.C. of DC; Paul Gleason, G. Gen.; Andrew Reiter, Scholarship recipient; Lawrence Jolma, G. Capt. Gen of DC; Kenneth Fuller, P.G.C., DC; and Matthew Racioppa, Grand Commander of Maryland. In the second row, 1. to r.: William Gulley, H.P.G.C. of MD; Ronald Perkins, P.M. of St. Johns Lodge No. 11 of DC; Fred Gore, P.G.C. of DC; and there are unidentifiable Brothers. (submitted by Sir Knight Hugh A. Shawen, DC editor and P.G.C.)

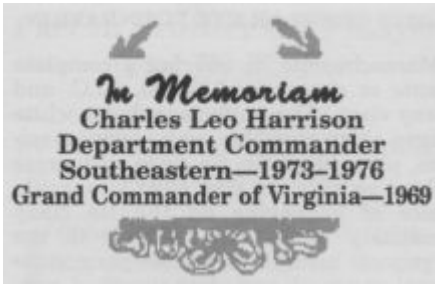


Charlottesville Commandery No. 3 Confers Order of the Temple

August 19, 2004 the Order of the Temple was conferred on Companion John Randal Quinley at a multiple conferral of this Order by Charlottesville No. 3, held in Charlottesville, Virginia. Sir Knight Quinley received the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta in Culpepper in July. He is the newest member of Fairfax Commandery No. 25, Culpepper, and is currently the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Virginia.

Pictured from left to right are Sir Knights: first row: Merlin Gupton, Sentinel; Henry B. Jenkins, P.D.D.G.C., Warder; Jack Rosenberg, Sr. Warden; John Randal Quinley. 2nd row: David B. Carter, E.C.; Harold Thompson, P.D.D.G.C.; Jay L. Cotner, R.E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Virginia; and Dr. Donald James Willard, P.D.D.G.C., Recorder. (submitted by Sir Knight Lawrence B. Smith, Virginia editor)





Born in Norfolk, Virginia, Sir Knight Harrison was the son of Charles A. and Annie Mae Harrison. He was a member of the Miles Memorial Methodist Church for more than 70 years.

He was a Past Master of Ocean View Lodge No. 335, A.F. & A.M.; Past High Priest of John Walters, Royal Arch Chapter No. 68; Past Commander of Grice Commandery No. 16; Past Grand Commander of Virginia; Past Department Commander, Southeastern, Grand Encampment, 1973-1976; Past Patron of Elizabeth Chapter No. 45, O.E.S.; and Past Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 3, I.O.J.D.



He is survived by two daughters, two sons-in-law, a sister and her husband, a brother and his wife; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was employed by the US government in the Navy Public Works Center and retired as a civilian supervisor after 36 years.

Memorial donations may be made to Miles Memorial Methodist Church, 9450 Granby Street, Norfolk, VA 23503



Charles Leo Harrison
 Virginia
 Department Commander
 Southeastern-1973-1976
 Grand Commander-1969
 Born: August 8, 1912
 Died: September 11, 2004

Edward Seabon
 New Jersey
 Grand Commander-1998
 Born: May 4, 1925
 Died: July 21, 2004

Robert Lee Hudson Missouri
 Grand Commander-2001
 Born: May 5, 1940
 Died: September 25, 2004

Oscar Doyle Sims
 Arizona
 Grand Commander-1998
 Born: May 31, 1927
 Died: September 25, 2004

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

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Part II: Brother Carl Mays: Trial By Media

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett KYCH,
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Immediately, a frenzied outpouring of grief overwhelmed the city of Cleveland, along with the friends and teammates of the popular Chapman. Blaring headlines in the Cleveland press clamored for Carl Mays' expulsion from baseball. Chapman's close friend and teammate, Jack Graney, was so enraged by grief that he had to be forcibly restrained. Carl Mays, the unfortunate Yankee pitcher, was universally condemned for intentionally hitting Chapman - before rationality prevailed. During the immediate aftermath of the event, reason and sanity were a scarce commodity.

Ray Chapman had been the most popular player on the team and a favorite of all Indian fans. The 29-year-old Chapman was a nine-year veteran of the Cleveland club and highly regarded as an above-average ball player. His speed as a base-runner, with an outstanding fielding record, augmented his respectable lifetime batting average of .278. His Cleveland fans considered Chapman a probable candidate for Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Raymond Johnson Chapman was a native of McHenry, Kentucky, born on January 15, 1891. In 1901 his family moved to Herrin, Illinois, where he grew to adulthood and began playing baseball. As popular in Herrin as he was in the baseball community, it was only natural that Ray would become a

Mason. He was Raised in Prairie Lodge No. 693 on February 3, 1913, becoming a Master Mason at age 21.

Working his way upward through the minor league system, Ray joined the Cleveland Indians in 1912. From the beginning, he was the most popular player on the team.

On October 19, 1919, Ray married Kathleen Daly, daughter of Martin Daly, one of Cleveland's business leaders and a self-made millionaire. Chapman was being groomed for an executive position in the Cleveland firm of Pioneer Alloys and contemplating retirement after the 1920 season. Kathleen was pregnant when the fatal accident occurred. Her child, a daughter they christened Rae Marie, was born on February 27, 1921.

The funerary ceremonies involved many thousands of Cleveland citizens and baseball fans, including a large delegation of *family*, Masonic Brethren, and Elks from Herrin, Illinois. It was a moving confirmation of universal affection for Ray Chapman. The obsequies were concluded with the burial at Cleveland's Lake View Cemetery. The controversy over Ray's death raged on.

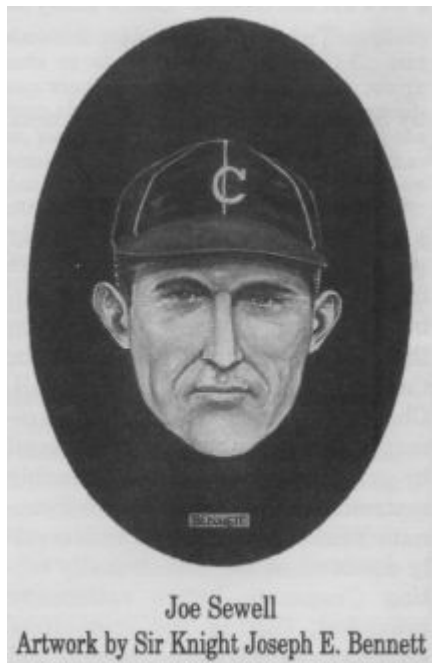
A despondent Carl Mays voluntarily appeared at the New York district attorney's office, where he gave his tearful version of the accident. Resolved of any culpability, no charges were filed against the submarine hurler. Back in Cleveland, the Indian team, en masse, signed a petition refusing to play against Carl Mays. Jack Graney, the embittered Cleveland outfielder, continued his condemnation of Mays. It became a perpetual drumbeat from the outfielder, who became a Cleveland sports

announcer in later years. Elsewhere, the consensus was that it had been a tragic accident. Herold "Muddy" Ruel, Mays' catcher that fateful August 16th, swore that Chapman had remained motionless as the ball approached. Cleveland manager, Tris Speaker, deemed the event an accident, as did many others. The newspapers never softened their account of the accident. The news media seems to have preferred the negative and lurid low road whenever possible.

A stoic and aggressive Carl Mays began the 1921 season with the Yankees, without apparent effect to his pitching prowess. He continued his winning ways by achieving a record of 27 wins, against only nine losing efforts. It was the finest season of his career and a major factor in helping the Yankees win the American League pennant.

The Cleveland Indians had brought young Joe Sewell from the New Orleans Pelicans to fill the shortstop slot vacated by Ray Chapman. Joe quickly established himself as a star of the first magnitude and a brilliant hitter. His distinguished 14-year career was recognized by his selection to Baseball's Hall of Fame in 1977.

Brother Sewell, a native of Titus, Alabama, became a Mason in 1920, when he was Raised in Tuscaloosa Lodge No. 785. He was a diligent and faithful member for his entire life, receiving 50-year recognition in 1983. He and Carl Mays became fast friends in later years, when both served as scouts for the Cleveland Indians. (It was an ironic twist of fate to find Mays associated with the same club which condemned him so vocally in 1920.)



After a brilliant regular season in 1921, Mays continued his sterling pitching in the first game of the World Series against the New York Giants. He delivered a five-hit shutout, which the Yankees won with a score of 3-0. In the fourth game of the same series, Mays was working on a two-hit shut-out in the eighth inning when he suddenly lost his effectiveness. He gave up four hits and three runs in that inning, opening the door for a Giants' win by a score of 4-3. The Giants went on to win the World Series. Once again, May stood accused of wrongdoing in the series, because of his performance in the fourth game.

New York sports writer, Fred Lieb, came forward with an unsubstantiated story about Carl Mays having taken a bribe to lose the fourth game

deliberately. Lieb alleged he was told that Carl's wife, Marjorie, had been assigned to signal from the stands when the bribe was delivered. Commissioner Landis immediately assigned a detective agency to make a complete investigation of the charges. An exhaustive examination by the agency cleared Mays of any wrongdoing, declaring the charge without merit. Nevertheless, the stigma of the Chapman tragedy continued to stain Mays' reputation, and the negative publicity was damaging.

The constant anxiety and trauma of adverse publicity began to effect Carl's baseball performance and strained his relationship with his teammates. During the 1922 season, his record declined to 12 wins and 14 losses, his first losing season with the Yankees. The hostility continued into the 1923 season, and the result was predictable. Mays posted a dismal season record of five wins and two losses. Manager Miller Huggins and Mays had never been on good terms, so Carl's departure was inevitable. He was sent to the Cincinnati Reds team, via the waiver route, at the end of the 1923 season. Sports writer Fred Lieb continued to repeat his charge that Mays not only conspired to lose the game in the 1921 World Series, but in the 1922 series as well. No credence was given his claim.

Carl Mays roared back with the Cincinnati Reds in 1924. He was the Carl Mays of old, with the usual sizzle on his submarine sinker. At 32 years of age, he proved himself up to the task of pitching a 20-game winning season. He worked in 37 games, winning 20 and losing nine. The magic deserted Carl in

1925. He pitched in only 12 games, winning only three times. He made a valiant effort in 1926 and for the last time posted a great record, winning 19 games, and losing 12. However, his strong arm had lost some of its power, quite evident in the next two years, 1927 and 1928. Carl won only seven games in two seasons, before being released at the end of the 1928 season. He signed with the New York Giants for one more major league season, appearing in 37 games in 1929. He won seven and lost twice in his final year in the major leagues.

Carl began his Masonic degree work in 1925 in Portland, Oregon, where he and Marjorie had established their permanent home. After receiving his Entered Apprentice Degree on September 9, 1925, in South Gate Lodge No. 182, he delayed until November 22, 1927 before completing the Fellowcraft Degree. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 20, 1927. Years later, he transferred to Canyon City Lodge No. 34 in 1966. Carl Mays was a faithful and esteemed member until his death.

Carl Mays concluded his career in the Major Leagues with an outstanding record of achievement, while enduring a continuous atmosphere of hostility and distrust from teammates and management alike. During his 15-year tenure, he won a total of 207 games, with 126 lost. Mays compiled an earned run average of 2.92, an impressive figure achieved during the course of 490 games and 3,041 innings pitched. Those statistics were more than enough to qualify Mays for selection to Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Unfortunately, selection is a popularity contest to some degree. Due primarily to the negative influence of the sports writers who have a role in selecting inductees, Carl Mays never had a chance for consideration.

The stock market crash ushering in the Great Depression of 1929 wiped out nearly all of Carl's financial assets. Instead of retirement, he felt compelled to play minor league baseball for a time to recoup some of his losses. Carl played a total of two years for Portland of the Pacific Coast League, then Louisville, and finally, the Toledo Mudhens, before hanging up his spikes permanently in 1931. Again, personal tragedy struck the Mays' family when Carl's beloved mother, Louisa Callie Mays, passed away. In 1934 his wife Marjorie died suddenly at age 36 from complications of an eye infection, leaving Carl with two teenage children; Carl, Jr., and Betty.

Carl eventually met and married Esther Ugsted, a North Dakota native, then living in Portland. Finally, after many years, tranquility came into his life. Esther proved to be an ideal mate for the taciturn ex-submariner. Together they established an up-scale hunting and fishing resort-lodge in the village of Dayville, Oregon. Dayville is located on scenic U.S. Route 26, bordering the Malheur National Forest in eastern Oregon.

Not yet 50 years old, Carl Mays continued to play an active role in baseball. For 15 years he directed a baseball camp for promising young players and served as a scout for several professional baseball teams, including the Cleveland Indians. He was

the consummate coach with a keen eye for potential talent. Beyond his management skills, Carl finally found a showcase for his natural, friendly personality. He developed a wide circle of friends, young and old, and became a prominent baseball elder statesman in the process. He willingly discussed the traumatic events surrounding the tragic death of Ray Chapman - sad memories of his past.

The details of the death of Ray Chapman slowly faded from public memory. Few beyond the circle of old baseball fans remembered the sad announcement, and the name of Carl Mays blended into that forgotten legion of fabulous baseball pitchers who dominated the game in the early decades of the 20th century. Along with his memory, the details of his career and true personality faded away as well.

Carl was visiting in El Cajon, California, when he died suddenly on April 4, 1971. He was in his 79th year. His remains were returned to Portland, Oregon, to be interred beside his first wife, Marjorie Madden Mays. The obituary which ran in the *San Diego Union* carried the two-line heading which read, "Carl Mays, Yankee Whose Pitch Killed Batter in 1920, Is Dead." It was a typical media commentary about a man they knew nothing about and for whom they cared less. Today, the mortal remains of Carl William Mays repose eternally in Riverside Cemetery in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, the final resting place of a fine baseball player.

In closing, it is timely to mention a few facts about baseball traditions and perception. Carl Mays was given the

media-coined title of "head hunter," a negative connotation which conjures up images of a person bent on injuring another. Mays was far from being the exclusive target of that unflattering term. The names of Burleigh Grimes, Bob "Lefty" Grove, Cy Young, Mordecai "Three Finger Brown," Early Wynn, Don Drysdale, and even Roger Clemens, of contemporary fame, are saddled with that title.

In reality the phrase "head hunter" identifies an aggressive pitcher who is determined to deter a batter from encroaching too far into his small target - the strike zone. That zone extends from the chest to the knees vertically and the width of home plate, a small rectangular area when viewed from sixty feet away. A batter leaning into the zone is traditionally warned to back away when a strike catches the inside edge of the zone nearest the hitter. Those who elect to stand too close to the zone are aware that they must be ready to give way. A valuable tool of the aggressive "head hunter" are a scowl and ominous demeanor on the mound. That, along with a two-day growth of beard, provide very effective visual staging for an inside pitch. It is a traditional and time-honored tool of many good pitchers.

As mentioned in the beginning, this tale deals with three Masons who were deeply involved in the Chapman tragedy; Carl Mays, Ray Chapman, and Joe Sewell. Those names serve to remind us that Freemasonry permeated professional baseball in great numbers during the Golden Age of the Fraternity in the early 20th century. On the same Yankee team with Carl Mays were many Masons, four of them nationally

prominent; Waite Hoyt, Roger Peckinpaugh, Herb Pennock, and "Home Run" Baker. Those names comprise only a small percentage of some 750 Masonic baseball players enumerated by Jerry R. Erikson in his renowned *Brothers of the Bat*. To our great sorrow, the fraternal hand was never extended to Carl Mays during his professional career. It might have been a source of support and comfort to a misjudged Brother.

Our esoteric instructions admonish us to strive to "Live respected and die regretted." Carl Mays provided the qualifiers to deserve that goal. Unfortunately, it was not accorded him to any degree during his public life. His public media image did not reflect the inner man - religious, respectable, and highly successful in keeping his passions within due bounds. It is certain that Raymond Chapman would be the first to agree, if it were possible.

When I reflect on the erosion suffered by our Fraternity, I am reminded of some lyrics of a popular folk song from the 1950s, "Where have all the young men gone? Gone to graveyards, every one..." It would have been a fitting epitaph for Carl William Mays; a good man and true, denied his place in the sun.

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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



Masonic Poster Now Available

The next phase of the DeMolay Public Relations Awareness campaign has become a reality. The Masonic Poster will soon be available. Already the Shrine of North America has committed to have at least one poster in each of their Shrines. The Scottish Rites have expressed similar interests.

The Poster Campaign is reaching the public on two levels - there is a poster directed to bringing new members into DeMolay, and this poster, which is directed at getting adults involved in DeMolay.

The poster highlights the four Masonic organizations that support DeMolay - Masonic Lodges, the Northern and Southern Scottish Rite, the Imperial Shrine of North America, and the Grand York Rite Bodies.

This poster illustrates the huge role that Masonry plays in the success of DeMolay. Masons of every level are involved with DeMolay for many reasons.

The goal of the poster is that Masons will see the poster and remember that they have a son, grandson, or nephew that might be interested in DeMolay. It may also inspire Masons to get involved with a local chapter as an Advisor, or if there isn't a local DeMolay Chapter, maybe the Masons in that Lodge will want to start one.

The poster will be available for purchase through the DeMolay & More Store this August. In order to get the poster into the hands of as many Masons as possible, we have deeply discounted the price of the poster. For more information visit www.demolay.org or call 1-800-DEMOLAY.



Hall of Fame Now On Web

In an exciting development, we've added the entire DeMolay Alumni Hall of Fame to the DeMolay web site, www.demolay.org.

Originally started in 1937 by our founder, Frank S. Land, the Hall of Fame was created to recognize the athletic achievements of DeMolays. The original Hall of Fame had seven members: Larry French, pitcher for the Chicago Cubs; Dick Bartell, shortstop for the New York Giants; Don Budge, national tennis champion; Stan Hack, third baseman for the Chicago Cubs; Lowell Spurgeon, football captain of Illinois University; Vernon Struck, football captain of Harvard University; and Archie San Romani, Olympic track miler.

In 1986, the DeMolay Hall of Fame re-emerged with a new class of initiates, fourteen in all. The new Hall of Fame contained not just athletes, but also entertainers, politicians, and many other notables including Walter "Red" Barber, Harmon Killebrew, Fran Tarkenton, John Cameron Swayze, Gary Collins, Walt Disney, and John Wayne. Since then a stream of new inductees have followed at a rate of about one or two per year. We currently have 49 members.

Each distinguished Hall of Fame member has a line drawing portrait as well as an extensive biography, including home chapter information. Each biography tells the story of that one specific man, his life, and how he was affected by DeMolay. Most biographies also include a quote directly from that person about his experience with DeMolay.

You now have the entire library of DeMolay Hall of Fame members at your fingertips. Take time to stop by and learn about all our distinguished members - maybe one was a member of your home chapter!

Mother Chapter Honorary Membership Available

Membership in Mother Chapter, the first DeMolay chapter, is a high honor that few were able to reach. Now, for a limited time, it is attainable to DeMolays, Senior DeMolays, Master Masons, and other interested parties.

For years, many have expressed interest in Mother Chapter, but haven't had the opportunity to join the chapter. Missouri DeMolay has changed that with their new program "Mother Chapter Honorary Member for Life." There are levels to match every person's needs and budget.

With each membership, you receive a unique "Mother Chapter Honorary Member for Life" patent bearing your name or the name you designate in hand calligraphy with the symbolic signature of DeMolay's Founder, Frank S. Land and the seal of Mother Chapter. You will also receive an exclusive metal "Gold" Membership Card. Although

all donors will receive these commemorative treasures, a limited series of 250 patents will be available as well.

All patents will be presented with a Certificate of Authenticity, will designate the level of giving, and will bear the sacred landmarks of DeMolay.

"Dad" Frank S. Land and the Original Nine DeMolays led the way and worked hard to build the greatest youth movement in the world - DeMolay. Now you have the opportunity of a lifetime to share in and be part of the Legacy of DeMolay for life. In doing so, you are also supporting today's DeMolay, since this program helps support DeMolay's activities and scholarships.

Becoming a "Mother Chapter Honorary Member for Life" is easy. Just contact Missouri DeMolay at 1-877-318-1919 or e-mail mother@modemolay.org.



Service & Leadership Center ♦ 10200 N.W. Ambassador Drive
Kansas City, MO 64153-1367
1-800-DEMOLAY ♦ fax: (816) 891-9062 ♦ www.demolay.org



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

For sale: lapel pins. The 64th Triennial Conclave Committee is offering a lapel pin (2 knights on horseback) for \$6.00 each, including S & H. Checks payable to 64th Triennial Conclave Committee, C/O E. K Longworth; 502 Wentworth Avenue, N.E.; Roanoke; VA 24012-3545. This is a fund-raiser for the 64th Triennial Conclave.

Wanted to buy: Knight Templar ring, old. Robert Wollaber, 212 W Oak Street, Rome, NY 13440-2754, (315) 336-9429

Soon to be Commander is looking for secondhand gold Commander's sword in good condition, including, hopefully, a carrying case. James Weekly, 1305 Vale Street, Sandwich, IL 60548, e-mail jweekly38@yahoo.com

Trying to trace the history of a Brother's Knight Templar sword, inherited from his father, Arthur G. Evans-Lombe, whose Blue Lodge was in Edna, KS, but later he lived in Kansas City, KS. His grandfather, Henry Joseph Buxton Evans-Lombe, immigrated to Edna, KS, from England after spending 2 years in South America as a missionary. Sword manufactured by M. C. Lilley & Co., Columbus, OH, and has the name C. O. Williams" on the blade. James D. Braden, PO. Box 58, Clay Center, KS 67432, (800) 279-0559

Temple Commandery No. 41, Temple, Texas, celebrated its 300th anniversary in April 2004. Gold-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, 2X 78645, (512) 267-1388

For sale: red, white, and blue "EYE I GAVE" pin, fundraiser for Knights Templar Eye Foundation by the Grand Commandery of Minnesota: \$5.00 each including S & H. All proceeds to KTEF. Checks payable to Minnesota Grand Commandery, and send to Allan Kauppi, 10508 Redwood Street N. W. Coon Rapids, MN 55433

For sale: gold-finish sword lapel pins: men's pin: 1 1/4 inches long, with red stone in the center of the hilt, \$7.00 each, and ladies pin: 2 and 1 1/2 inches long, with clear stone at the top of the hilt and a red stone in the center of the hilt, \$12.00 each; prices include S & H. Check or MO to Melrose Commandery 159th Grand Conclave, 17120 Theiss Mail Rd, Spring, TX 77379. E-mail becky@abercrombieacademy.com. 10% to K'EF. The pins are a special project of the Grand Commandery of Texas 159th Conclave.

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: let item, \$5.00 each additional it., \$1.00. Percentage to York Rite and Masonic charities. Checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., P.C.; 60 Manor Road; 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). The Grand Commandery of Texas, formed in 1855 in San Antonio, will be celebrating and commemorating its sesquicentennial, 150 years of Templary in Texas, in San Antonio, April 15-18, 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.texasyorkrite.org/ties.htm. Order and check (payable to San Antonio Commandery No. 7) to James N. Higdon, 10122 N. Manton, San Antonio, TX 78213. Ties will be sent day following receipt. H: (210) 344-4309; O: 349-9933; e-mail jnh.kt@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 Street, S.W.; Pataskala; 01143062, (740) 927-7073

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

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 cornea with a sealed certificate of authenticity. Orders to Chuck Smith, 6.559 Cypress Drive, Eastman, GA 31023, e-mail choppy 31023(8@yahoo.com

For sale: Royal Arch collector coffee cups with original two-color design showing Triple Thu emblem in red and working tools and emblems of the four Capitular degrees in black. Excellent presentation item for officer recognition, PHP Night, new exaltations, etc. A must for Masonic cup collectors. Fundraiser for Union Chapter No. 2, RAM., Little Rock, Arkansas.

Send \$10.00 per cup, postage paid, to Steve Gregory, 3 Arcadia, Bryant, AR 72022, or call (501) 847-2251. Make check or money order payable to Union Chapter No. 2, RAM. \$1.00 per cup will be donated to RARA. 20% discount for orders of 10 or more.

Fund-raiser: fine Royal Arch tie, imprinted with the Triple Tau, within a triangle, within a circle: \$15.00, p.p. Chapter needs funds to continue to survive. Make checks payable to Bay View Flatbush Chapter No. 298, and send requests to Sal Caradonna, 23 Gail Court, Staten Island, NY 10306-2234, (718) 987-4532

Fund-raiser for our York Rite bodies offers you a personalized 8 x10-inch Masonic Membership Window, displaying full color emblems of all the bodies in whirls you are member. It is suitable for flaming and makes a great gift. Choose from any combination of Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Scottish Bite, Shrine, and O.E.S. \$10.00 for each print or 3 for \$20.00, postpaid. Requests and checks in Waukesha York Rite, PO Box 322, Waukesha, WI 53187

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., Diet. 82 and send requests to Noel A. Wright, PO Box 226, Gardendale, TX 79758, (432) 366-3806

For sale: peel-off, vinyl, royal blue square and compass decals designed to fit on your license plate or window, 2 inches high, 1 inch wide. 6 vinyl decals for \$5.00, postpaid. Also, approx. 4-inch reflective-chrome, vinyl square and compass or Shrine decals to fit on your taillights, only \$5.00 per set of 2, postpaid. All profits go to our Masonic Widows' fund. Joe Allen, PM., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; PO Box 732; Cochran, GA 31014

Cochran Lodge No. 217, F. & AM., Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project: In addition to the Masonic square and compass jewelry boxes we are now offering 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. In from these Shrine jewelry boxes will be going in the Shrine hospitals of North America. A portion will go directly in the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund. and the rest will go in 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 in Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217 and mail in 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.ppdnvisl@earthlink.net Proceeds to benefit the 2008 Bicentennial Fund.

Coin collectors: Newton Lodge No. 136 has a small number of 150-year commemorative coins for sale for \$6.00 each. Checks payable to Burt T Keller, P.O. Box 368, Burkeville, TX 75932.

Y2005 Masonic desk calendar for sale: unique jewel disk case calendar will inspire and motivate Brethren every day. Plastic case converts into a stand to display the monthly Masonic photo and calendar, 4x4 inches. A great holiday gift. Sale price is \$8.00, including S & H. Checks payable to Waluga Lodge No. 181. Mail to 14780 N. W. Bonneville Loop, Beaverton, OR 97006. E-mail jwaldum@comcast.net or telephone (503) 629-0795. Fund-raiser for Lodge.

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 in some 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 in Ernest P Gentry, 893 Brookside Drive, Winder, GA 30680-2848, e-mail tagmaher@att.net

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 in 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 in 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 Beal, 3514 Delrose Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914. On request we can send copies of photos taken during presentations.

For sale: Masonic square and compass emblems made of solid aluminum, 3 and 1/2 by 3 and 1/4 inches wide at square: \$5.00 each plus \$1.00 postage. 100% of profit to KTEF or York Rite charity of your choice. Raymond C. Brown, 42 Unity Stage Road, Charlestown, NH 03603, (603) 826-4541

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

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 in have them printed on your certificates. Make check out in Tern A. Stevens, 5 Old Danbury 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.

Spring 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 - in 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: US handcrafted executive pens with quality mechanisms and in your choice of natural burl woods. Pen uses Parker rollerball and gel ink refills, and unique design allows cap in screw in place in both the open and closed positions. The Signature Titanium Geld Roller Ball Pen is \$90.00, and the Signature Titanium Geld Fountain Pen is \$100.00. Both include case with organizational logo, and there will be a donation to the KTEF for each sold. Allow 34 weeks for delivery. For more information Custom Handcrafted Woodwork, Ronald R. Day, 2527 Willow Bend Drive, Bryan, DC 77802-2461, or call (979) 775-3565 or e-mail ronday@cox-internet

Available on Ebay, etc.: Knights Templar and other designs available on T-shirts. % to KTEF. Some of the shirts can be seen at <http://stores.ebay.com/E-Tees-Shirts> or contact E Tee's Screen Printing, 6413 E. Windsor Ave, Scottsdale, AZ 85257, phone (480) 390-7291

Buying or trading for items with a Masonic and law enforcement theme, particularly the Texas Ranger badges with the square and compass in the center, square club' badges, etc. I'll also buy collections of law enforcement memorabilia or single items. Lawrence Baird, PO Box 1459, Moreno Valley, CA 92556.

