



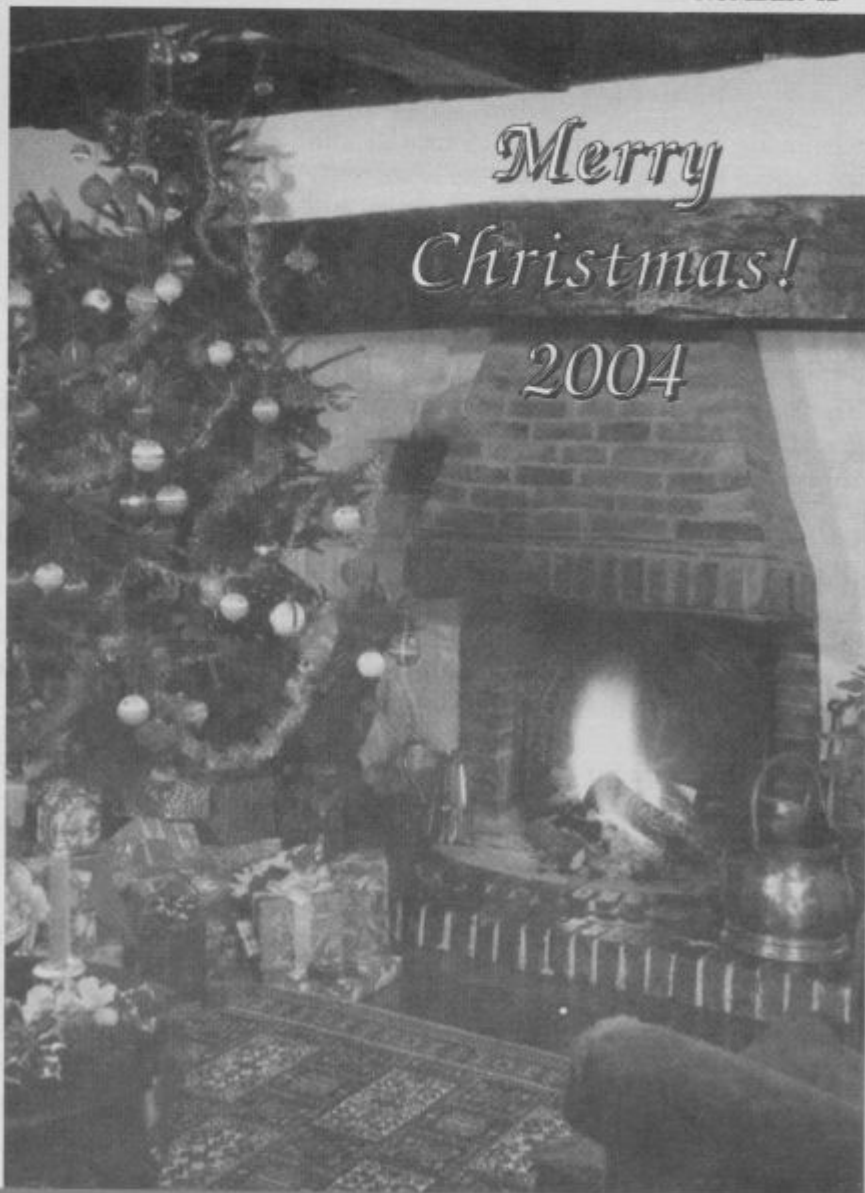
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*Merry
Christmas!
2004*



Grand Master's Message for December Christmas-2004

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (St. John 1:1 KJV)

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth." (St. John 1:14 KJV)

The celebration of the birth of every baby is special, one which everyone enjoys and recognizes.

The birth of Jesus was the beginning of the most special event this world has ever seen. He brought the hope of Peace to the world through his innocent and loving life.



His gentle teachings are powerful and far-reaching. They can still touch our innermost being and bring us closer to God.

To say that they are simple is an understatement. They are so simple that many miss their meaning altogether. What, for example, could be more simple than the Golden Rule?

My prayer for you Sir Knights and your families is that you will continue in prayer for a world that will find peace, a world that will learn to live in peace and harmony, and that we will continue His work.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! May God bless us, every one!

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

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



Knight Templar

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

DECEMBER: On page 2, Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer sends to all his very personal greeting for the holiday season! And all the officers and staff of the Grand Encampment and the staff of the KTEF send their wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a great 2005 to each and every Sir Knight and his family. You'll find these wishes throughout the December magazine! As usual we have bestowed upon our best the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, and these accomplished Sir Knights are listed, starting on page 5. Grand Prelate Keithly has inspiring Christmas stories to tell, starting on page 7; may we all come together to share these warm tidings and renew our hope for the future! Dr. Karnegis, our General Chairman for the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign, also shares a hope for the future: we all hope that the assistance of the KTEF will not only continue but expand to help even more who are in need. We hope that you enjoy the season and your magazine!

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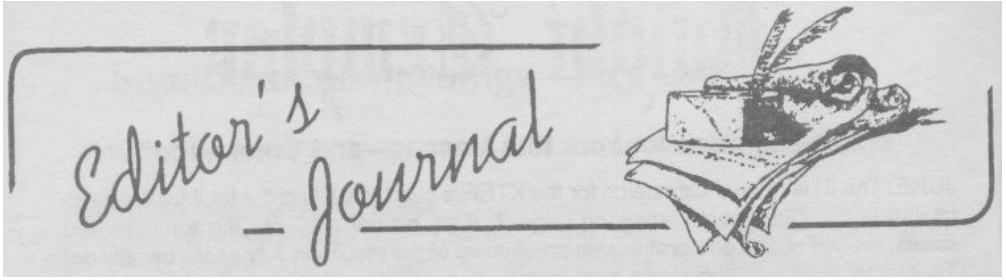
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Contacts for all Masonic organizations listed in our January 2004 issue should have the form for our next listing in January 2005. Please respond immediately as the magazine goes to the printer about December 12, 2004. If your organization has a new 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!

Place Mats & Napkins: The place mats have pictures of the Masonic Presidents of the USA, and the napkins have the Cross and Crown emblem. The cost of either one is \$15.00 per 250 in intervals of 250 (ie. 250, 500, etc - NO exceptions) PLUS S & H - UPS charges vary by location.

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.

Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America
<http://www.knightstemplar.org>

Templary's highest award...

Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for the year 2004. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected fifty Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

Alabama

George F. Mills, DeMolay No. 14

Arizona

Douglas Bruce Skowron, Apache No. 16

Arkansas

Dick Emerson Browning
Hughes de Payens No. 1

California

Robert W. Holder, Golden West No. 43

Colorado

R. Roger Stene, Georgetown No. 4

Connecticut

Jack Stevens, New Haven No. 2

District of Columbia

Lawrence N. Jolma, Jr.
Potomac No. 3

Georgia

Carl Weiss Dohn, St. Omer No. 2

Idaho

Richard L. Rowe, Twin Falls No. 10

Illinois

Merle R. "Bud" Tate
Patton No. 69

Indiana

Robert Clarence Childers
LaValette No. 15

Iowa

Paul Eugene Heckman, St. Aldemar No.
30

Italy

Maurilio Fontana, St. John No. 2

Kansas

Kenneth M. Savage, Allepo No. 31

Kentucky

Wiley James Roger Mayfield
Mayfield No. 49

Louisiana

James Robert Tomlinson
Indivisible Friends No. 1

Maine

Neil M. Peabody, Claremont No. 9

Maryland

Carl J. Cicchetti, Sr., Beauseant No. 8

Massachusetts/Rhode Island

Peter Seth Moore, United No. 21

Michigan

George Newman Loesch, Detroit No. 1

Minnesota

Larry L. Amdahl, St. Bernard No. 13

Mississippi

John Hurst Peebles, Jr.

Mary Savery No. 14

Missouri

Harry C. Reed, Jr., Ivanhoe No. 8

Montana

Lewis Hugo Hammermeister

Aldemar No. 5

Nebraska

William Cecil Barker, Mt. Lebanon No. 6

Nevada

Marion O. Rodgers, Lahonton No. 7

New Hampshire Gerald Frank

Buehrer DeWitt Clinton No. 2

New Jersey

Eugenio Melendez, Trinity No. 17

New Mexico

Roy Wayne Fincher, Pilgrim No. 3

New York

Jerold A. Brade, Batavia No. 34

North Carolina

Ray McFayden Corner, Ivanhoe No. 8

North Dakota

John B. Bridewell, St. Aldernar No. 3

Ohio

Richard William Kroner, Warren No. 39

Hubert Eugene Burkhart

Columbian No. 52

Vater David Webb, Eu Tah No. 66

Oregon

Daniel E. Crockett, Washington No. 15

Pennsylvania

Stephen Higgins, Packer No. 23

Albert Abner Grossman, Lorraine No. 87

South Carolina

John Henry Pearson

South Carolina No. 1

South Dakota

Stanley Jack Codwell, Cyrene No. 2

Tennessee

Steven Allen Reno, Lookout No. 14

Texas

John David Newman, Paris No. 9

John Earl Andrews, Ascension No. 25

Howard Miller McFarland

Ascension No. 25

Vermont

Elmer M. Barlow, Holy Cross No. 12

Virginia

Joseph Patrick Westfall, Jr.

Appomattox No. 6

Washington

Wallace A. Rehberg, Colfax No. 15

West Virginia

Harman Archie Falls, Greenbrier No. 15

Wisconsin

Joseph M. Behmke

Henry L. Palmer/Wauwatosa No. 51

Wyoming

Francis E. Wells, DeMolay No. 6





Grand Prelate's Christmas Message-2004 **"Silent Night, Holy Night"**

by Reverend and Grand Prelate Thomas G. Keithly
for the Grand Prelates and
the Committee on Religious Activities

It is December 24, late on Christmas Eve, somewhere in Germany in the early 1940s. A barracks door opens quietly, cautiously, and a figure steps out, dark against the white blanket of snow on the ground. Then, another person emerges. Other doors open from rows of barracks, and gradually, streams of men are moving, silently, or with only the lowest murmuring of voices and the soft sound of boots breaking the frosty crust on the layer of snow.

They are heading for an open area - a place where logs laid out in rows to serve as bleachers indicate that it is a place of assemblage. The American Prisoners of War had asked the German Commandant for permission to have a Christmas "midnight" service. Permission denied! The POWs, with their Chaplain, are still determined that they are going to observe Christmas with corporate worship. The service begins; after some preliminaries they are singing the familiar words...

"Silent night, holy night..."

Perhaps the men in back hear it first: the sound of boots crunching in the snow, slowly approaching behind them. Hair raises on the back of their necks, but no one looks around. They go on singing...

"All is calm, all is bright..."

As the approaching boots draw near, more of the POWs become aware of the sound...

"Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant, so tender and mild..."

They are determined not to quit and continue singing...

"Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace."

Then it happens! As they start another verse, voices behind them join in:

"Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht
Alles schläft, einsam wacht..."

The German guards are joining them in adoring the Christ-child on this blessed Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ!

What is it about Christmas that can work such magic? In the midst of a bitter war, men in trying circumstances, who the day before were bitter enemies, are acting like family, as brothers.

I read about this event years ago. Maybe it was in a magazine or a newspaper, shortly after the end of World War II. The story haunts me. Not in a bad sense of "haunt," but because it keeps popping up in my conscious mind. I can't lay my hands on the text I read then, so I had to re-create the story. Therefore, some of the details are as I have come to envision the event. However, I believe the gist of the story is true. If any reader is, or knows of, a surviving eyewitness, or an authentic written account of this event, I would love to hear from him.

"Silent Night" is the **best known Christmas hymn worldwide**, and the best loved. Into how many languages has it been translated from the original German? It has the power to unite so many people in spite of their greatest differences in culture or outlook or status, because it expresses so well the power of the Christ Child to unite in love and adoration all who have come to know Him as Savior.

The story of this event, in the midst of a war, has a powerful message to teach precisely because the Incarnation of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, is a powerful lesson to humankind. In the midst of the present conflicts in the world, humankind is again demonstrating just how far from grace we have fallen, how grotesquely we can misuse the God-given gift of free will in acts of terror and hatred, instead of kindness and love. What more appropriate time for the world to hear...

"Jesus der Retter ist da!"
"Christ the Savior is born!"
Christ the Savior is born!"

(A further note on "Silent Night." On Christmas Eve, 1818 it was discovered that mice had chewed into the bellows of the organ of St. Nicholas' Church, Orbandorf, Upper Austria. With no time to have the organ repaired for the Christmas Eve service, the assistant priest, Joseph Mohr, wrote six verses of "Silent Night," and asked the Choirmaster, Franz Gruber, to set it to simple music he could accompany on the guitar. Herr Gruber wrote the song in the mode of a traditional Tyrolean folk melody. It might have ended there, in an out-of-the-way, northern Austrian village, except the man who came to repair the organ saw the copy on the organ music stand and began to spread it throughout the Tyrol. And we know the rest of the story.)

Sir Knight and Reverend Thomas G. Keithly, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, resides at 1612 Kiltartan Drive, Dallas, Texas 75228-3746





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 Now You See It, Now You Don't

Blindness means the absence of sight. It is a tragedy not to be able to see. Not only do Knights Templar know that, they are doing something about it. That is why they have established a premier organization that is working today and every day to help preserve the precious gift of sight. **That organization is the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**, a Masonic charity sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

This month marks the beginning of the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign (December 1, 2004 - April 30, 2005) of the Knights

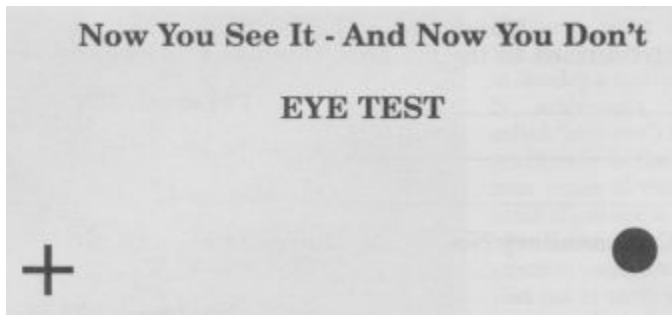
Templar Eye Foundation. Because of the year after year dedication and generosity of the Sir Knights, their Commanderies, and their Grand Commanderies; the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) is able to continue. It is extraordinary that the KTEF spends **\$6,000,000 a year** for people to receive surgical treatment that they desperately need for their eye diseases and for which there is nowhere else for them to turn - **and this is every year!** It is extraordinary that the KTEF spends **\$600,000 a year** to fund grants to major universities in the United States so that researchers in pediatric ophthalmology can discover new information on how to prevent eye disease - **and this is every year!** It is extraordinary that the KTEF has a partnership with the American Academy of Ophthalmology to the tune of a **quarter of a million dollars a year** to help senior citizens with eye problems - **and this is every year!**



Question: Who is it that can do all of this?

Answer: YOU can: the individual Sir Knight, your Commandery, and your Grand Commandery.

Blindness means the actual loss of sight. But sometimes something can be right in front of us and we still don't see it. Here is an interesting example.



Cover your left eye. Fix your gaze on the cross. You will also see the dot in the periphery. Hold the paper at arm's length. Without changing your focus on the cross, slowly bring the paper closer and closer. As you do so you will reach a point where the dot will disappear and be replaced by an all-white background. This is normal and is because the image of the dot is now projected on the optic nerve head, which itself has no visual capacity. Instead of letting you see the blind spot, your brain fools you by substituting for the blind spot its surrounding white background.

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 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign. He resides at 20975 Bonanza Boulevard, Elkhorn, NE 68022-1838

New Contributors To KTEF Clubs Grand Master's Club

No. 4,424 - Burch E. Zehner (OH)
No. 4,425 - Lynn Zehner (OH)

No. 4,426 - Mrs. Johan Reynolds (VA)
No. 4,427 - Billy W. Canupp, Jr. (NC)

Grand Commander's Club

No. 102,043 - Carlos Manuel Ruiz Ivanhoe
No. 2, Mexico

No. 102,044 - Hugh M. Wurmle (IA)

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

Use the forms below for 33° Club and Purple Cross Club donations!

**Thirty-third Degree Club
Contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

Donor _____ Personal, 33°:

Address _____ In honor of:

_____ phone () _____

Donor's Commandery No. _____ (for campaign credit)
State _____

Honoree _____ Enclosed: \$33.00

Scottish Rite Valley _____ Other:
Address: _____

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____
Expiration date: _____

Number: _____ Signature: _____

Please send your check and the above form (or credit info on the form) to your Commandery Chairman or to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 1000 East State Parkway, Suite I, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

**Order of the Purple Cross Club
Contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

Donor _____ Personal, OPC:

Address _____ In honor of:

_____ phone () _____

Donor's Commandery No. _____ (for campaign credit)
State _____

Honoree _____ CK or OPC Enclosed: \$33.00

College No. _____ State _____ Other:

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____
Expiration date: _____

Number: _____ Signature: _____

Please send your check and the above form (or credit info on the form) to your Commandery Chairman or to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 1000 East State Parkway, Suite I, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Funds Amblyopia Research



The KTEF has awarded Dr. Yi-Zhong Wang a grant of \$30,000 for a research project to develop a method to identify amblyopia (commonly called "lazy eye") in children. Amblyopia is the most common cause of visual impairment of one eye in children. It often lasts into adulthood if effective treatment is not carried out in early childhood.

A method that can effectively and reliably identify amblyopia among infants and children too young to read an eye chart would allow eye care professionals to treat the visual disorder earlier. In this research project, Dr. Wang will use new visual stimulus patterns to study the roles of different cues to shape and contour in shape discrimination performance of normal children and to study the impact of amblyopia on the identification of shapes formed by the different cues. The outcomes of this research project will provide new insight into the development of amblyopia. Results will also be used to develop new visual function tests that are easier for young children to perform, more sensitive in identifying young children with amblyopia, and more effective in assessing the response of amblyopia to treatment.

Jacqueline S. Hall, Director of Development of the Retina Foundation of the Southwest, wrote: "We are very grateful to the Knights Templar for their support of our pediatric eye research. Please tell everyone how much their support means to us."

Pictured above is Ms. Hall receiving the check for Dr. Wang's KTEF grant from Sir Knight James N. Higdon, R.E. Grand Commander of Texas.

Words from a Grateful Recipient of KTEF Assistance...

January 18, 2004

Dear Sir Knights,

Thanks to your generous, charitable organization, I received a most **invaluable** gift this Christmas - my eyesight! The words I write seem trite when compared to the much-needed improvement in my well being, which your organization financed - my surgery to restore my eyesight!

My right eye had an unusually dense cataract, and when the eye was used alone to read the eye chart, I was unable to see the very large "E" at the top of the chart! I had a less dense cataract on my left eye, and it, also, was removed.

The surgery was very successful and practically painless. In reading the eye chart after my surgery, I found I had 20/20 vision! I even got the restriction for glasses removed from my driver's license. I still need prescription

glasses for reading, although the prescription is not nearly as strong as it used to be, and my lenses will be much thinner and lighter.

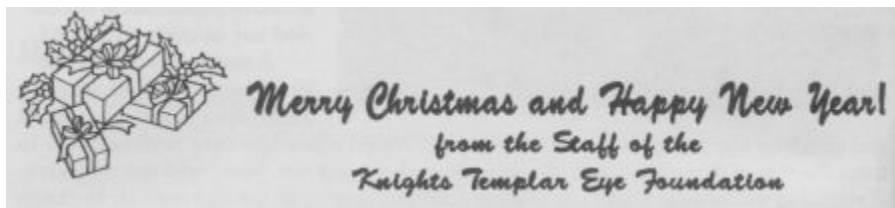
This surgery not only improved my vision remarkably, but it also enabled me to continue with my job as a school bus driver.

I owe all this improvement in my life to your wonderful organization. All of you are truly blessed with God's grace and love, and I feel truly blessed by it, also.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul.

May God continue to bless you as you bless others.

Sincerely,
Carol Poole
Plainview, Texas



The Knights Templar
Eye Foundation, Inc.

Has Moved

New Address:

1000 East State Parkway
Suite I
Schaumburg, IL 60173

New Phone Number: (847) 490-3838

New Fax Number: (847) 490-3777

Please direct all correspondence and phone calls
to this new address.



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 *Knight 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



From The York Rite of Freemasonry by Frederick G. Speidel, pages 66, 67, and 69 Continued from November 2004, page 17

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

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Officers of the Grand Encampment are elected to serve for the triennium. They are:

- Most Eminent Grand Master
- Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master
- Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo
- Right Eminent Grand Captain General
- Right Eminent Grand Treasurer
- Right Eminent Grand Recorder
- Right Eminent Grand Prelate (appointed)

Seven Department Commanders are appointed by the Grand Master for the triennium. *(Editor's note: There are 8 for 2003-2006.)*

The following officers are appointed by the Grand Master to serve only for the Triennial Conclave. In recent years the Department Commanders have been appointed to occupy these stations:

- Right Eminent Grand Senior Warden
- Right Eminent Grand Junior Warden
- Right Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
- Right Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
- Right Eminent Grand Warder
- Right Eminent Grand Sentinel
- Right Eminent Grand Marshal (optional)

The Grand Encampment is international in scope. There are (1978) 48 Grand Commanderies in each of the contiguous United States, except Delaware. *Massachusetts and Rhode Island are one. (Editor's note: As of November 2004, there are 50, including Delaware and Alaska.)* Grand Commanderies are located in the District of Columbia and the Philippines *(Editor's note: also in Italy, November 2004)*. Also, Subordinate Commanderies are located in Alaska (3), *(Editor's note: Alaska is now a Grand Commandery, November 2004.)* Canal Zone, Delaware (2) *(Editors note: Delaware is a Grand Commandery, November 2004)*, Germany (7), Greece, Guatemala, Hawaii, Japan, Mexico (3), Puerto Rico, and Saudi Arabia. *(Editor's note: The information on Subordinate Commanderies is outdated.)*

The official publication of the Grand Encampment is the *Knight Templar* magazine. It is published monthly and mailed to all affiliated Templars. Each Grand Commandery is provided a two-page supplement for reporting local news and special events.

A number of films and slide presentations have been produced by Grand Encampment for use of the Subordinate and Constituent Commanderies. The foremost is probably "The Cavalcade of Templary," which describes the history

and the benevolent activities of the order. Many Grand Commanderies and Constituent Commanderies own copies of this film. Copies of the films and slides may be purchased or borrowed for short periods from the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Encampment has published various pamphlets on a number of Templar topics for the use of the membership. Information for securing copies of these may be secured from the Recorder of your local Commandery.

Grand Commanderies

Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar are responsible for the orderly conduct of Templar affairs within their (state) jurisdiction.

The officers of a Grand Commandery are:

- Right Eminent Grand Commander
- Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
- Eminent Grand Generalissimo
- Eminent Grand Captain General
- Eminent Grand Senior Warden
- Eminent Grand Junior Warden
- Eminent Grand Prelate
- Eminent Grand Treasurer
- Eminent Grand Recorder
- Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
- Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
- Eminent Grand Warder
- Eminent Grand Sentinel

The first four officers and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder must be elected. The other officers may be elected or appointed in accordance with the Statutes of each Grand Commandery. The first four officers and Past Grand Commanders are entitled to vote at Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

Constituent And Subordinate Commanderies

The Commandery is the local Templar unit, and it exists primarily to create Knights Templar. Commanderies which are directly subordinate to the Grand Encampment are termed "Subordinate Commanderies," while those subordinate to a Grand Commandery are "Constituent Commanderies."

The officers of a Commandery of Knights Templar are: Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate, Treasurer, Recorder, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder, Sentinel, Guards (3).

These officers are to be elected or appointed as provided by the statutes of their Grand Commandery and the by-laws of the Commandery. In addition to the constitutional officers, many Commanderies appoint a Marshal and a Musician.

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

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Mission Accomplished!

North Central Department Conference-2004

by Dr. James N. Karnegis, Department Commander, North Central

The North Central Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was held Friday and Saturday, October 22-23, 2004, at the Oaks Hotel in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The arrangements were made in cooperation with Harlan F. Peterson, Regional Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council, and Charles E. Bird, Regional Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. The 2004 North Central York Rite Conference was under the general auspices of the General Grand Council.

This year, a special optional event was added on Friday, October 22, 2004. In response to interest previously expressed by the membership, a drill-training seminar was scheduled from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. and was conducted by Most Eminent Grand Master Kenneth Bernard Fischer. Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, also participated.

The regular business session of the North Central Department Conference began at 8:00 A.M. and was completed at 4:00 P.M. On Saturday, October 23, 2004. The agenda was fully covered, and all of the items that had been specified by the Most Eminent Grand Master were included.

All of the officers of the Grand Encampment were present, with the exception of the Right Eminent Grand Recorder who was unavoidably absent. Program participants included the following Sir Knights: Kenneth B. Fischer, Most Eminent Grand Master; Richard B. Baldwin, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master; William H. Koon II, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo; David D. Goodwin, Right Eminent Grand Captain General; Dr. William J. Jones, Most Eminent Past Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Treasurer; Dr. James N. Karnegis, Right Eminent North Central Department Commander; Douglas L. Johnson, Right Eminent Past Northwestern Department Commander; and Charles A. Games, Honorary Right Eminent Past Department Commander. Carl O. Pengra, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Dakota, gave the "Invocation" and "Benediction," and Neill C. Burnett, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of North Dakota, led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

There were 57 Sir Knights in attendance. As required by the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, officers present to represent their Grand Commanderies were as follows:

Grand Commandery	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Recorder
<i>Illinois</i>	John Riedas, Sr.	Pressly Laird	William Brown	Howard Hoffman	Robert Cronk
<i>Wisconsin</i>	Brian Hudy	Charles Kolbe	Fred Roycraft		Milton Gregory
<i>Iowa</i>	Paul Dale Robinson	George Harrison	Donald Radloff	Stephen Libby	Willard Loper
<i>Minnesota</i>	James Odland	Richard Anderson	Allan Kauppi	James Edgar, Sr.	Harland Thomesen
<i>Nebraska</i>	Robert Wunder	Frederick Way, Jr.	John Dale	Steven C. Smith I	Jay Speck
<i>North Dakota</i>	Charles Beeber			James Acker	Merle Huhner
<i>South Dakota</i>	Richard Aldrich				

The Conference produced much information, many suggestions, and lively discussion. It was not an event to have been missed.

A Christmas Story

by Reverend Donald C. Kerr
Pastor-Emeritus

Christmas comes in many . shapes and sizes. One of . those ways is through the eyes of the artist. Corregio was a 16th century Italian painter, whose vision of Christmas he displayed in a painting called "The Holy Night," in which he saw the world in a mood of rapturous joy. He was only 40 years old when he died, but to him Christmas seemed to be a world without pain. In his painting of the Nativity at the center is a light that surrounds the infant Jesus, as if to suggest He is the light of the world. The action of the picture is set around a rickety, old stable; wooden beams are seen holding up a sagging roof.

One can see in the distance a rolling landscape and the dawn of a new day breaking forth. Off to the side are some

shepherds, and overhead can be seen some angelic figures. Joseph is in the picture as are some animals. Mary and the child hold center spotlight. She is kneeling before a crude, wooden cradle, in which on a cushion of straw rests the Holy Child. Her arms are around Him, and her face shines with a happy radiance.

As one looks at this picture, all else fades into insignificance, as the penetrating stream of light is reflected between mother and child. The whole spirit of the painting reveals demanding love, devotion, adoration, and reverence; that is what Christmas is. It is a sense of overflowing joy, as perfect harmony as is seen in the transformed faces of all who come to worship. May it be for you this year and evermore. Merry Christmas!

Sir Knight Donald Craig Kerr is Pastor-Emeritus, Roland Park Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland, a 32° Mason, Chaplain Emeritus of Baltimore Chapter, and a member of Beauseant Commandery No. 8, Baltimore, Maryland. He resides at 700 John Ringling Blvd., Apt. E202, Sarasota, FL 34236

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Meeting of the A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

Lexington, MA: A group of more than 1,700 33° Masons and their wives heard an update on Masonic charitable endeavors during the recent meeting of the Supreme Council for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The charities are supported by voluntary contributions from the 250,000 32° Masons throughout the jurisdiction. The National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts, was built in 1975 through their efforts to provide changing exhibits on American history.

Learning Centers for dyslexic students have been providing free one-on-one tutoring at 40 locations. Within the next few years, the number of centers will increase to 59. Other charities include scholarships for college students and fellowships for schizophrenia research.

During the course of the meeting, which was held this year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; three new members were elected to the governing board of the Supreme Council. They are: Donald G. Hicks, Jr., of Leominster, Massachusetts; William L. McCarrier, of Butler, Pennsylvania; and Frank R. Preble of Auburn, Maine. New Deputies include Charles E. Ridlon for Maine and Stephen E. Carpenter for Rhode Island. Retiring Deputy for Rhode Island, Gardner C. Sconyers, Jr., was elected Grand Secretary General replacing Philip L. Hall of Nashua, New Hampshire. Chester G. Burton of Cincinnati, Ohio, is Grand Keeper of the Archives, and Lee B. Lockwood of Lena, Illinois, is Grand Sword Bearer.

In addition to Hall, others retiring as Active Members are Richard G. Hawk of Scranton, Pennsylvania; C. William Lakso of Lunenburg, Massachusetts; Gary A. Henningsen of Monroe Township, New Jersey; and Richard H. Winship, Jr., of Orrington, Maine.

Each of the 15 Grand Lodges within the Northern Jurisdiction was represented. Also attending were officers from allied Masonic organizations across the country, as well as representatives from 17 Scottish Rite Supreme Councils around the world. Five visiting international leaders were named Emeriti Members of Honor of the Northern Jurisdiction. They are Ronald A. Seale of the Southern Jurisdiction, USA; Algie S. Oldham, Jr., Prince Hall Freemasonry, USA; Pierre Marchal of Belgium; Cesar A. Garcia of the Dominican Republic; and Henk E. Koning of the Netherlands.

The week-long meeting concluded with the conferral of the 33° upon 129 members who were selected for dedicated service to Scottish Rite Freemasonry or service reflecting credit upon the fraternity.

The names of 245 nominees were announced to receive the 33° at next year's meeting in Grand Rapids on August 30, 2005.

Austin Assembly No. 125, Social Order of the Beauceant, Austin, Texas

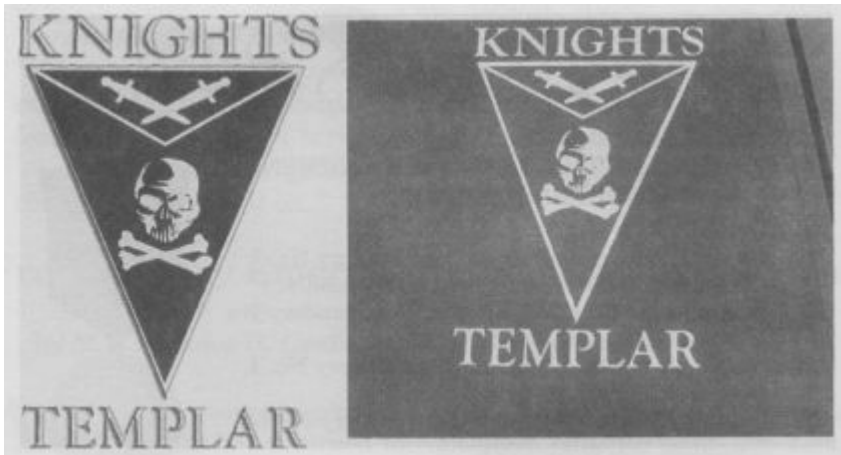
The ladies of Austin Assembly No. 125 really stepped up to the plate for the 2004 Benevolent project. In the picture on page 22, left to right, President (Mrs. Robert) Cynthia Blair, 1st Vice President (Mrs. William) Patsy Winnie, Supreme Most Worthy Oracle (Mrs. R. D.) Diane Moore, and longtime member and Past President (Mrs. Harley) Ruth Ford show up on Saturday, July 24, to unload a trunk and back seat full of diapers, wipes, school supplies, stuffed animals, games, towels, and other items for Safe Place. The merchandise was valued at \$700.00.



Safe Place works to end domestic and sexual violence through intervention, prevention, education, long-term support and advocacy. Located in southeast Austin, the facility houses women with children, women without children, a school, apartments for transition, and even has an area for men. (submitted by Mrs. William (Patsy) Winnie, 1st Vice President, who thanks all the ladies of Austin No. 125 for helping make the project a BIG success!)

Sale of Masonic Knights Templar Auto Decal to Benefit KTEF

This is a vinyl reproduction of the triangular Knights Templar apron in the traditional Templar colors of black and white. (See the following page for picture.) It displays the *Memento Mori* of the skull and crossbones in the center of the apron with crossed swords in the triangular flap. It is bordered by the words "Knights Templar," which are die cut above and below the image of the apron. It measures 6 inches tall by 4 inches wide. This impressive auto decal can be used on any clean, flat surface, i.e., books, walls, windows, etc. The vinyl decal has an outdoor life of 3 to 5 years and an indefinite indoor life. The price for each decal is \$8.00 (US) plus \$1.50 shipping and handling. (NY state please add 8.625% sales tax.) A portion of each sale will be set apart for a donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Please send your check or money order payable to: Alfonso Serrano. Send to Alfonso Serrano, 4121 Ft. Hamilton Parkway, Suite 1; Brooklyn; NY 11219. I can also receive credit card payments via Paypal. Contact me at e-mail address: Irokoenterprises@aol.com for an invoice.



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, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.



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Wyoming
Grand Captain General-2004
Born: March 14, 1936
Died: October 5, 2004

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Born: June 29, 1918
Died: October 13, 2004



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500. Leland A. Haynes, Chester Commandery No. 7, Chester, SC. (jewel and 1 bronze) 8-5-2004.
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506. Joseph A. Sbaraglia, Jr., St. John's Commandery No. 4, Philadelphia, PA. 10_6_2004.
507. Howard William King, Cincinnati Commandery No.3 and Covert Commandery No. 43, Cincinnati, OH. 10-12-2004.
508. Steven Allen Reno, Lookout Commandery No. 14, Chattanooga, TN. 11-1-2004.
509. Don Vernon Riley, Lookout Commandery No. 14, Chattanooga, TN. 11-1-2004.
510. Lon W. Kvasager, St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, Grand Forks, ND. 11-3-2004.
511. Tony E. Telken, St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, Grand Forks, ND. 11-3-2004.
512. David T. Harold, St. Omer Commandery No. 59, Perrysburg, OH. 11-3-2004
513. M. Bruce Markel, St. Omer Commandery No. 59, Perrysburg, OH. 11-3-2004.
514. Robert C. Welch, St. Omer Commandery No. 59, Perrysburg, OH. 11-3-2004.
515. Clifford B. Cline, Sr., Mount Olivet Commandery No. 30, Erie, PA. 11-3-2004.
516. John K. March, Centennial Commandery No. 55, Coatsville, PA. 11-3-2004.



Brother John H. Grainger, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska: "It has taken time to introduce Freemasonry in the Far East and establish the two new lodges. Our efforts now are to assist the new leaders so they can, in turn, expand Freemasonry in other cities.

"We have been given a gift of Freemasonry. We feel an obligation to pass it on."

Freemasonry Emerges in the Russian Far East

by M.W.B. John H. Grainger, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alaska

After over 75 years of darkness, Freemasonry has returned to Far East Russia. The Alaska Russian Relations Committee, established in 1993 by M.W.B. John Grainger, started plans for two new Masonic lodges in Eastern Russia.

In 1995 the Grand Loge Nationale Française constituted the Grand Lodge of Russia. The Russian Relations Committee now works as a courtesy for the Russian Grand Lodge.

Because of the distances involved, Alaska is in a unique position to revive Freemasonry in Russia east of the Ural Mountains. Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12 in Vladivostok is located 5,200 miles from Moscow. This is twice the distance from Seattle to New York. Anchorage, Alaska, is approximately eight hours flying time to Vladivostok via South Korea.

We Arrived as Strangers - Departed as Friends: In 1993 an exploratory trip was made to Magadan in Eastern Russia to study the possibility of returning Freemasonry in Russia. Later a trip was made to Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Blagoves-chensk, and Novosibirsk.

The Russian Relations Committee members formed Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12, Under Dispensation. Their first meeting, arranged by M.W.B. Charles Corbin, Co-chairman of the Russian Relations Committee, was held in Palmer, Alaska, September 11, 1999, where Nickoli Luzganov from Vladivostok was initiated a Master Mason. A month later eight Master Masons from Alaska followed up on this historic event by flying to Vladivostok and conferring all three degrees on eight new candidates. The new lodge attended by approximately 30 Masons, including the Grand Master of Russia, was constituted October 14, 2000, in Vladivostok.

In August 1996 Dr. Sergei Bogolepov from Novosibirsk asked the Grand Master of Alaska for some guidance in becoming a Mason. His grandfather was a Mason "but it was kept in our family as a great secret," he said. On April 4, 2002, with assistance from the Grand Lodge of Alaska, the Grand Lodge of Russia and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Dr. Sergei Bogolepov received the sublime degree of a Master Mason in North Kansas City, Missouri.

In 2001 Dr. Bogolepov, with the assistance of the Russian Relations Committee, started a new lodge in Novosibirsk, which has a population of over 1,500,000 residents. Dr. Bogolepov was subsequently elected Worshipful Master of Alpha & Omega Lodge No. 23 in Novosibirsk. W.M. "Sergei" has inquiries from individuals to start Freemasonry in Tomsk, "a big University town about 300 miles from Novosibirsk," and Kazakstan, an independent republic. Plans are to initiate the new candidates in Novosibirsk and then assist the new Masons in starting their own lodge.

If Freemasonry is to succeed in the Far East, it must be through the labor of new Masons in Russia. We can, however, continue to start and assist new lodges to become proficient in their work and to initiate new candidates.

Non-Russian Masons can assist in the efforts of establishing Freemasonry in Eastern Russia by becoming Honorary Lifetime members of a Far East Russian Lodge. Due to financial restraints, the Grand Lodge of Alaska is unable to assist committees financially.

A one-time membership fee of \$200 supports the work of introducing Freemasonry in the Far East.

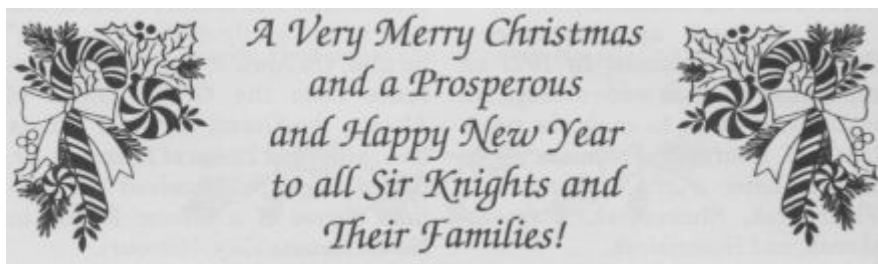
Honorary Lifetime members of Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12, Vladivostok, and/or Alpha & Omega Lodge No. 23, Novosibirsk, receive a colorful membership certificate, a lodge pin, and a lifetime membership card. A copy of a current dues card serves as a petition.

Masons interested in becoming an Honorary Lifetime member of a Far East Russian lodge should contact: M.W. John Grainger, Chairman of the Russian Relations Committee, P.O. Box 5326, Ketchikan, AK 99901-0326. E-mail: jhg@kpunet.net. Checks should be made out to: GL of AK, R.R. Committee.

The Russian Far East offers a unique opportunity to establish our fraternity in an area where Masonic precepts and tenets are virtually unknown. With the traditions of brotherhood and caring, our gentle craft can become a positive influence in Russia.

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More on Sir Knight William H. Wood's Sword
(See October 2004 issue of Knight Templar, page 9)

E-mail to Bill Wood from New York Recorder, Bob Cave: I think that I may have the final link in the puzzle re the ownership of your sword. I was not able to make the connection with the Commandery but with the Lodge. You stated that the sword was given to Mr. Harradine's son by Mr. Harradine's father, who was a Mason, many years ago. Well, I tracked down the father. Grand Lodge records show that a Stanley A. Harradine was born around 1896 in Hilton, New York (around Rochester). He was Raised on June 5, 1917, at the age of 21 in Etolian Lodge No. 479. He later affiliated with Sodus Lodge No. 392 in 1945. He died in 1957.

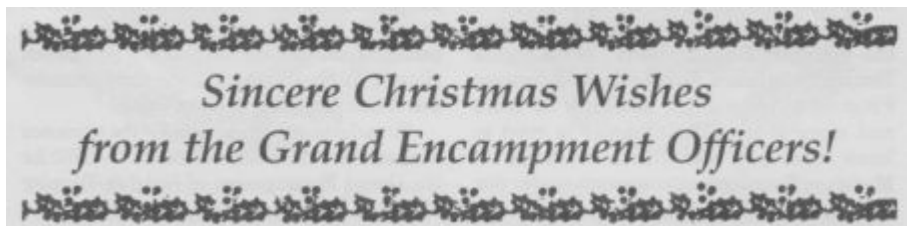
Now, William Wood belonged to several lodges in that area. One of them was Rochester Lodge No. 660, and another was Sodus Lodge No. 392.

Of course, Stanley Harradine affiliated with Sodus Lodge after Wood demitted from Masonry, but the coincidence is too great to ignore. They must have known each other during the years 1917 when Harradine was Raised and 1941 when Wood demitted from Masonry.

I firmly believe that Wood, who no longer needed the sword, gave it to his younger friend Harradine. Harradine was a foreman of some company.

E-mail to Robert Cave from Bill Wood: Brother Bob: I can't thank you enough for the time and effort, especially with your already busy schedule, it took to research the history of the sword. I can see that you are as fascinated by the story as are many others from whom I've heard. I'm also grateful to Ms. Joan Morton, who put me in touch with you and who printed this intriguing tale in its comprehensive form for the readers of the October issue of *Knight Templar*. Of course, my appreciation is also directed to my four guys who arranged this gracious gift.

I was asked to take the sword to a Scottish Rite luncheon and to relate the story to the 33° and KCCH members and guests who were present. I read most of the text to them and made a short talk. I went from the Scottish Rite Temple to a weekend gathering of over 100 Shrine Masons, where I passed the magazine to many of them and showed them the sword. Truly, this entire saga has captivated my interest and has been one of the most significant fraternal experiences I've enjoyed in my nearly 50 years as a Mason.



Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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

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



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

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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.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
..from the Staff of the Grand Encampment



The Grand Encampment staff persons are, left to right: top: Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, R.E. Grand Recorder, and Sir Knight James O. Potter, comptroller; middle: Karla Neumann, accounting and database supervisor, and Sylvia Ericksen, database operator; bottom: Joan Morton, assistant editor, and Bessie Cooper Leigh, word processor.



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

Soon to be Commander is looking for secondhand gold Commander's sword in good condition, including, hopefully a carrying case. James Weekly, 1305 Vale Street, Landwich, IL 60548, e-mail: jweek1Y38@Yahoo.com

Wanted: Commandery coat, size 54; chapeau, size 7 and 3/4; and Commander's sword for Commander to be. Douglas McFadden; 1566 33rd Street, NW; Washington; DC 20007 or call (202) 342-6106

For sale: Knight Templar uniform, size 48 (pants 44), Past Commander's sword; Past Commander's chapeau, size 7 and 1/2; gold and black adjustable sword harness; box for chapeau; and leather ease for sword. Bill Smith, 1115 Signature Drive, Sun City Center, FL 33573; e-mail wsmih02@tampabay.rr.com; call (813) 633-8622

For sale: Knights Templar items: one sword, scabbard, and belt in excellent condition; one chapeau and case in excellent condition; one older chapeau; one KT gold ring w/solid back, size 10 and 11/2; two gold Masonic rings, size 10 and 11/2; several pins, tie tacks, belt and buckle, and misc. items. Over \$3,500.00 in value, I will sell altogether for \$1,500.00; satisfaction guaranteed. Jerry Ketcherside, 507 Cypress Drive, Pacific, MO 63069; call (636) 257-8407

Temple Commandery No. 41, Temple, Texas, celebrated its 100th 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 K'FEE 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: gold-finish sword lapel pins: men's pin: 1 and 1/4 inches long, with red stone in the center of the hilt, \$7.00 each, and ladies pin: 2 and 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 Road, Spring, TX 77379. E-mail becky@abercrombieacademy.com. 10% to KTEK 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 Commander's 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: 1st item, \$5.00; each additional item, \$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

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, SW.; Pataskala; 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.

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 which you are a member. It is suitable for framing and makes a great gift. Choose from any combination of: Blue Lodge, Chapter Council, Commandery, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and O.E.S. \$10.00 for each print or 3 for \$20.00, postpaid. Requests and checks to Waukesha York Rite, P.O. Box 322, Waukesha, WI 53187.

Fund-raiser: fine Royal Arch tie, imprinted with the Triple Tau, within a triangle, within a circle: \$15.00, pp. Chapter needs funds to continue to survive. Make checks payable to Bay View Flat bush Chapter No. 298, and send requests to Sal Caradonna, 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 Drive, Eastman, GA 31023, e-mail choppy31023@yahoo.com

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, P.M., Sec; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014. Also: Cochran Ledge No. 217, 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 handcrafted with an interlocking design. 10% from these Shrine jewelry boxes will be going to the Shrine hospitals of North America. A portion will go directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund, and the rest will go to the charity work of the Lodge The Shrine box is \$30.00 each and \$6.00 shipping in US. The Masonic square and compass box is 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 pdavis1@earthlink.net Proceeds to benefit the 2008 Bicentennial Fund.

Fund-raiser. Lodge auto tags with blue vinyl letters on white, 6 x12-inch aluminum, include ledge name and number, square and compass, F & AM (AF & AM, AAFM, etc.), city and state: \$8.00 each pins S & H: 5 at \$5.00, 10 at \$7.00, 20 at \$10.00 shipped to same address in US-minimum order of S. One free tag with each ten ordered. 25% of proceeds to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund Send info, check or money order to Ernest P Gentry, 893 Brookside Drive, Winder, GA 30680-2848, e-mail tagmaker@att.net

Anniversaries Lodge of Research No. 175, New Hampshire, is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2004. The lodge was chartered in 1964 on the 175th anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, hence the name and number. The lodge has available pewter and enamel commemorative coins for \$6.50 each, including postage in the US. Proceeds will benefit Masonic education in New Hampshire. Contact Mark E. Farber, 11 Elwyn Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801-4417, (603) 436-1523; e-mail alor@farber.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 Iowa, Michigan, Hawaii, and Alaska pennies. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, 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 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. In 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, Cincinno.14 OH 45244-3470,(513) 272-2815, fax (513) 272-2830.

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

Macey Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., PO Box 9759,3011 Old Dumbarton Rd., Richmond VA 23228-3759, (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 roller-ball and gel ink refills, and unique design allows cap to 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 3-4 weeks for delivery. For more information Custom Handcrafted Woodwork, Ronald R. Day, 2527 Willow Bend Drive, Bryan, 777 (77802-2461, or call (979) 775-3565 or e-mail ronday@cox-internet

Wanted to buy: Masonic first day covers and cachets and also buying cover collections. G. B Adkins; Rt. 1, Box 152A; Keyser; WV 26726; (304) 788-3783; e-mail gadkins@pennswoods.net

New novelty book available: Pythagoras, This Cross Is for You, by Past Master and Past Commander Jack N. Barricklo-\$7.00 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: the book, The History of Freemasonry in Tennessee, by Charles Snodgrass and Bobby J. Demott. It is 483 pages long and \$30.00, postpaid. Make check payable to and order from Bob Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921. % to KTEF.

For We: one Masonic ring with old European center cut 1.90 diamond carat prong set graded 1-3 in color and VS in clarity. Accented with six round brilliant diamonds with combined weight of 40 carats graded G-H in color and SI in clarity. Setting made of 10 karat yellow gold with gold symbolic engraving down each side. Circa 1940s. Certified jeweler written appraisal of \$14,800. Don or Carole Emerson, 380 Westhaven Drive, Logan, UT 84321; e-mail rdone777@msn.com or call (435) 753-7415.

Brother Mason and Knight Templar interested in following: the Commanderies of baseball Hall of Famers: Rogers Hornsby (Beacon Lodge No. 3, St. Louis, MO) and Joseph Wheeler (Joe) Sewell (Rising Virtue Lodge No. 4, Tuscaloosa, AL). Also, interested in obtaining Masonic postal covers including Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Grotto, and baseball postal covers. I am doing research on Masonic baseball players, past and present, and would like to know about any present-day Masons involved in baseball and football. Peter J. West here, 21 Cadillac Drive, Guelph, Ontario, N1E 2B4, Canada.

For sale: Masonic flashing pins, in small plastic packages. Flashing lights are very bright and can be seen for over 1/4 mile at night. Pin comes with 2 long-lasting batteries and a magnet. \$6.00 each (minimum order of 4), including postage. % of net profits to KTEF. Julian Arhire, 417 E. Sheridan Street, No. 254; Dania, FL 33004, (954) 298-2515. Picture at <http://www.dticorp.dnszgoldpzelmasonry.com>

For sale: Masonic promotional and presentation items. Represent Masonry with pride through custom-imprinted gifts and items, all reasonably priced and customized to your specifications. Choose from a variety, which include but are not limited to: die cast coins, lapel pins, coffee mugs, pens, pencils, ornaments, belt buckles, key togs, and wooden nickels. All items are custom printed to your specifications in quantity to include but not limited to your Masonic organizations name and Masonic logo. Hand sketch your ideas and I will turn it into camera-ready art. For a free color brochure, call 800-765-1728, or write to Frank Looser, 408 Ashlar Circle, Nashville, TN 37211 or e-mail customitems@cnfinteractive.com or visit our website www.cnfinteractive.com. Percentage to KTEF.

Must sell: top Masonic collection: high quality materials! Freemasonry treasures! Contact for details: Christopher D. Kelly, 4523 S.E. 6th Place, No. 204; Cape Coral; FL 33904; call (239) 945-4869; fax (239) 945-4186; e-mail dackdcda@aol.com

Looking for father's past affiliation with York Rite: Chapter(s), Council(s), and Commandery(ies): Donald Orville Rau bar, Sr; 1940s-70s in Gross lie, MI, Wyandotte No. 170; 1970s to death in 1998, in Georgetown, SC; unknown if demit-td to SC; Also, looking for his Commandery sword. For more details Joe Raubar, 51 Lennox Avenue, Amherst, NY 14226; (716) 834-2738; orjudyhirsch@earthlink.net

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May these be yours
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