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*Sir Knight James F. Byrnes, New Deal Senate Leader and Cold Warrior, as "Assistant President," with his dog Whiskers—1943  
His story starts on page 25.*

## Grand Master's Message for January Happy New Year-2005!

A year is completed and a new year lies ahead!

2004 has been a most eventful year in many respects. I hope that it has been productive for you and your Commanderies. We have seen much improvement in our membership activities and in our overall activity in the Grand Encampment. The Eye Foundation is moving ahead with some new initiatives. The Educational Foundation is, also, making some very significant changes with plans to move out of the loan business and into the grant or scholarship business. These are but a few examples.



What do we hope to accomplish in 2005? We plan to start the Field Drill training sessions at the Department Conferences and at other times convenient to the trainees. We intend to continue the Department Conferences, perhaps with a different emphasis on more basic training. Certainly a different format will be used. We look forward to working with the Chapter and Council people to strengthen the York Rite. We are planning a great Easter Observance in Washington in March. (See the article, "Preliminary Easter-2005" on pages 18 and 19.)

I hope that you are working with your Grand Commander to help your Grand Commandery win a Meritorious Service Award. The medals and the certificates are completed and waiting to be presented to the winners.

You may or may not have heard that Sir Knight Charles R. Neumann, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, suffered a stroke late in September, and this left him paralyzed on the right side. He is doing well and is making progress towards recovery. It may be slow but he is working in that direction. I do solicit your prayers for Chuck. He is currently in the Illinois Knights Templar Home in Paxton, Illinois.

Whatever the situation, let's reflect for a time on the past and make plans for a great year in 2005. **I wish you and yours a most happy and prosperous new year!**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth B. Fischer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kenneth B. Fischer  
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

# **Knight Templar**

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

JANUARY: Happy New Year from all of us! On page 2, Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer speaks of reflecting on the past and planning for the future. There is much information on the Senior Eyecare Program, which is supported by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and one Illinois mayor makes a wonderful tribute to the program on page 9. The 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF has been in progress for more than a month by the time you receive this issue. We hope that the Sir Knights of all the constituent Commanderies are planning fund-raisers to support the Campaign! Keep your copies of "Masonic Conferences-2005" and "2005 Annual Conclaves" handy all year long so you can access important information concerning Templar Conclaves as well as meetings of appendent Masonic bodies. Information for planning your Easter trip to DC and Alexandria, Virginia, is available starting on page 18. Join us for the Grand Encampment festivities!

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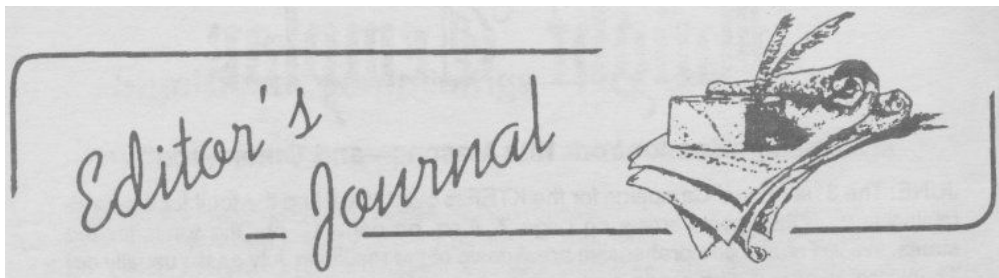
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**Place Mats Napkins-** The place mats have pictures of the Masonic Presidents of the USA, and the napkins have the Cross and Crown emblem. The cost of either one is \$15.00 per 250 in intervals of 250 (i.e. 250, 500, etc. - NO exceptions) plus S & 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).

**A 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.

YORK RITE FREEMASONRY ON THE INTERNET - Official Web Site

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<http://www.knightstemplar.org>

**Message from the Grand Master -  
On Decisions Number 328 and Number 337**

Your attention is directed to Decisions Number 328 and Number 337, from the *Digest of the Approved Decisions of the Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.*

Decision Number 328:

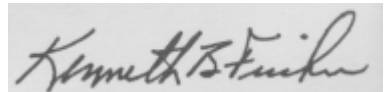
"The full-form opening is part of the Ritual. The Ritual is ALL secret work. It is not to be exemplified in the presence of anyone who is not a Knight Templar in good standing."

"No Grand Commander is authorized to permit any of the Ritualistic work to be exemplified except in the secrecy of the asylum."

Decision Number 337:

"All parts of the Ritual are secret, and no portion thereof can be exhibited or revealed to the public. To do so would be a serious offense against Templary."

Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly. These decisions and this reminder will be enforced.



Kenneth B. Fischer  
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



## 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

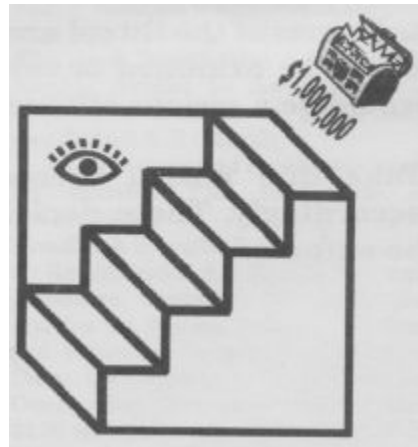
### **Eyes Across America Do You See The Stairs As Going Up Or Do You See Them As Being Upside Down?**

The 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (KTEF) is now underway. This is the primary philanthropy of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and, therefore, is YOUR philanthropy. You have the right to be proud of the work which it does every day of the year in fighting eye diseases.

To continue the good work of the KTEF requires that the goal of this year's Campaign be set at \$1,000,000. We can easily reach this monetary goal if we all work together. But we also have another important goal, which is that every constituent Commandery in every jurisdiction be represented in the Campaign.

The name and number of YOUR Commandery should not be conspicuous by being absent from the list of those who support the KTEF, even if it means that both the Commander and his local Campaign Chairman each contribute \$5.00 in the name of their Commandery. Sir Knights are 100% in their support of Templary, and they will be 100% in support of their philanthropy - the KTEF.

Therefore, we can be confident we will reach our goal. Experience tells us that our perceptions define what we see and what we expect. The perception of the stairs illustrated above depends on how the observer looks at them. We prefer to think that the stairs are going up and that they are not upside down. With your help, we will step to the top!



## WHAT IS GOING ON?

If you see the panel imprinted with the picture of the eye as the back panel, the stairs will appear to you to rise from left to right. If you see the panel imprinted with the picture of the eye as the front panel, the stairs will appear to you to be upside down. It all depends on your visual point of reference.

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.

## EyeCare America promotes early detection and treatment of eye disease for seniors

If you are 65 and older, call for free eye care information or to see if you qualify for an eye exam and care for up to one year at no cost to you, call **1-800-222-EYES (3937)**, or visit [www.evcareamerica.org](http://www.evcareamerica.org)



EyeCare America is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to preventing blindness. It does not endorse products or companies.

The Seniors EyeCare Program is co-sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

## Seniors Eyecare Program

**WHAT** The Seniors EyeCare Program\* ensures that every senior has access to medical eye care and **promotes annual, dilated eye exams**. It raises awareness about age-related eye disease, including cataracts, provides **free** eye care educational materials, and facilitates access to eye care—**at no out-of-pocket cost**.

**WHY** **By age 65, one in three Americans has some form of vision impairing eye disease**. Most do not know it because there are often no warning symptoms, or they assume that poor sight is a natural part of growing older. **By detecting and treating eye disease early through annual, dilated eye exams, seniors can preserve their sight.**

**WHO** The Seniors EyeCare Program is designed for people who:

- Are US citizens or legal residents
- Are age 65 and older
- Have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years
- Do not belong to an HMO or the VA

People eligible for a referral through the program receive a **comprehensive, medical eye exam and up to one year of treatment—at no out-of-pocket cost—for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam**. Volunteer ophthalmologists accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full; patients without insurance receive care at no charge.

**HOW** People may call the toll-free helpline at 800-222-EYES anytime, for themselves and/or family members and friends, to request free eye care educational materials and determine if they qualify for care from one of EyeCare America's 7,500+ volunteer ophthalmologists nationwide.

**OTHER SERVICES** EyeCare America offers multiple eye care programs for which individuals may qualify. Callers will automatically be screened to determine the program that provides the most appropriate eye care services. Callers who have not had an eye exam in the past 12 months and are at increased risk for glaucoma may be eligible for a glaucoma eye exam through our Glaucoma EyeCare Program.

**EXCLUDED** Eyeglasses, prescription drugs, hospital services, fees of other medical professionals

**CONTACTS** Richard P. Mills, M.D.—Chair, Seniors EyeCare Program  
 Betty Lucas — Director, Public Service Programs  
 ECA toll-free 1-877-887-6327; Fax 1-415-561-8567, P.O. Box 429098, San Francisco, CA 94142  
 www.eyecareamerica.org  
 CALL 1-800-222-EYES (3937) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year

This program is co-sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and endorsed by state ophthalmological societies.

*A public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, EyeCare America's mission is to reduce avoidable blindness and severe visual impairment through education and public service.*

\*Formerly known as the National Eye Care Project (NECP)

**New Contributors to the Grand Master's Club**

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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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# PROCLAMATION

## EyeCare America

**Whereas**, the gift of sight is one of our most valued senses; and

**Whereas**, older people are particularly susceptible to a loss of vision through cataract, glaucoma, and diabetes, and much can be done to preserve their sight with early detection and treatment; and

**Whereas**, people 65 and older, who have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years may be eligible to receive eye exams and **care for up to** one year at no cost by calling EyeCare America at 1-800-222-EYES; and

**Whereas**, Illinois is the home of over 19,000 people who have been served by EyeCare America and more than 296 ophthalmologists who have volunteered to see EyeCare America patients in Illinois; and

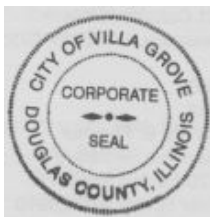
**Whereas**, EyeCare America, the public service foundation of the **American** Academy of Ophthalmology, celebrates 20 years of providing service through its Seniors, Glaucoma, and Diabetes EyeCare Programs; and

**Whereas**, **The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.** has co-sponsored the Seniors EyeCare Program for 10 years.

**Now, Therefore**, I, Ronald H. Hunt, Mayor of Villa Grove, Illinois, do hereby honor EyeCare America and its sponsors for twenty years of public service and helping more than 700,000 people across the U.S.

I urge all citizens to join me in bringing attention to this worthwhile, ongoing effort.

Given under my hand and seal this first day of January, 2005



Ronald H. Hunt, Mayor

## *MASONIC CONFERENCES—2005*

### MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 12–14 Washington, D.C. (annually)	The Philalethes Society Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP
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### GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

February 9–12 Washington, D.C. (annually)	Current Grand Preceptor: James C. Taylor 1207 Mayer Lane Elk City, OK 73644	Contact: Michael S. Weer Grand Registrar 504 Augustine Way Normal, IL 61761
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### CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

February 20–22 Calgary, Alberta Canada (annually)	Current Conference Chairman: Ronald G. Belanger 304 International Circle Cockeysville, MD 21030	Contact: Glenn E. Means Executive Sec./Treas. 2019 N.E. Avanti Ct. Grain Valley, MO 64029–9368
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May 9–13	Current Worthy High Priestess:	Contact:
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(annually)

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(annually)

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June 2-5  
Nashville, TN  
(annually)

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June 2-5  
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(annually)

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June 12-16  
Lexington, KY  
(annually)

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June 21-25  
Minneapolis, MN  
(annually)

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June 24-26  
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(annually)

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June 15-18  
Orlando, FL  
(annually)

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 (annually)  
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 (annually)  
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 July 20-23  
 Spokane, WA  
 (annually)  
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 George C. Sellars  
 Secretary General  
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 Detroit, MI 48201

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 July 27-30, 2006  
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 (biennially)  
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 Supreme Recorder  
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 McAlester, OK 74502

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 August 2005  
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 (annually)  
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 August 16-20, 2006  
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 (triennially)  
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 (annually)  
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 (annually)  
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 October 2-5  
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 Contact:  
 John F. Kirby

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September 25-30 Eugene, OR (annually)	Current Supreme Worthy President: Mrs. Elo (Judy) Limas 2828 160th Court Omaha, NE 68130-1801	Contact: Mrs. Joseph F. Chalker Supreme Recorder 1009 Valen Road Westminster, MD 21157-5824
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Oct.-Nov. 2006 Minneapolis, MN (triennially)	Most Worthy Grand Matron: Patricia Rasmusson 1797 Tipton Circle, No. 103 Elk River, MN 55330-1895	Contact: Betty J. Briggs Right Worthy Grand Sec. 1618 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009-2549
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## 2005 ANNUAL CONCLAVES

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	LOCATION	CONCLAVE REPRESENTATIVE
Feb. 27–March 1	Alabama	Dothan	Sid C. Dorris III
March 4–6	New Jersey	Somerset	Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.
March 5	Alaska	Fairbanks	Glenn A. Siron
March 10–12	Arkansas	North Little Rock	Kenneth B. Fischer
March 11	Delaware	Wilmington	Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.
March 13–15	South Carolina	Rock Hill	Richard B. Baldwin
March 18	District of Columbia	Hotel Washington	Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.
March 18–19	Mississippi	Meridian	David D. Goodwin
March 19	North Dakota	Mandan	Dr. James N. Karnegis
March 20–22	North Carolina	Clemmons	William H. Koon II
April 7–9	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Kenneth B. Fischer
April 9	Kansas	Wichita	Clifford L. Duncan
April 9	Nebraska	Columbus	David D. Goodwin
April 9	Oregon	Coos Bay	Glenn A. Siron
April 11–12	Louisiana	Monroe	Richard B. Baldwin
April 15–18	Texas	San Antonio	Kenneth B. Fischer
April 16	Connecticut	Enfield	Robert P. Winterhalter
April 23	Idaho	Idaho Falls	Glenn A. Siron
April 23	New Mexico	Albuquerque	David K. Baba
April 25	Maine	Orono	William H. Koon II
April 29	Indiana	Indianapolis	David D. Goodwin
April 29–May 1	Italy	Rome	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 1–4	Georgia	Macon	Sid C. Dorris III
May 2	California	Bakersfield	William H. Koon II
May 6	Florida	Orlando	Sid C. Dorris III
May 6–7	Virginia	Charlottesville	Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.
May 7	Tennessee	Nashville	Richard B. Baldwin
May 11	Maryland	Ocean City	Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.
May 13	Utah	Salt Lake City	David K. Baba
May 18	Washington	Everett	Glenn A. Siron
May 19–21	West Virginia	Martinsburg	David D. Goodwin
May 21	Missouri	Branson	Clifford L. Duncan
May 22–25	Pennsylvania	Erie	Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.
June 2–4	Iowa	Ames	Dr. James N. Karnegis
June 2–4	Montana	Missoula	Richard B. Baldwin
June 7	Nevada	Elko	David K. Baba
June 13	Vermont	Killington	David D. Goodwin
June 17	Wisconsin	Green Bay	Dr. William J. Jones
June 24–25	Minnesota	Maplewood	William H. Koon II
July 30	Illinois	Springfield	Kenneth B. Fischer
August 14–15	Michigan	Bay City	Richard B. Baldwin
August 20	Arizona	Scottsdale	Charles R. Neumann
September 10	Colorado	Pueblo	William H. Thornley, Jr.
September 16–18	New York	Binghamton	Dr. William J. Jones
September 17	Wyoming	Casper	William H. Koon II
September 18–19	Kentucky	Louisville	Donald H. Smith
September 24	South Dakota	Pierre	Dr. James N. Karnegis
October 6–8	Ohio	Columbus	Kenneth B. Fischer
October 22	Mass./Rhode Island	Milford, MA	Robert P. Winterhalter
December 3	New Hampshire	Portsmouth	Robert P. Winterhalter

# Thanks!

Grand Recorder Charles R. Neumann and Karla send their heartfelt thanks to their friends around the country for all the cards, flowers, thoughts, and prayers. They are most appreciated. Chuck continues to improve daily.

## Who Says "You Can't Go Home"?

In the fall of 2004, Sir Knight William Frank Lott, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, made a trip to Nazarene Commandery No. 99, Montrose, Pennsylvania. This was his dad's Commandery and also the lodge room where Sir Knight Bill was Raised a Master Mason.

Shown in the picture from left to right are Sir Knights: Leslie Loomis, Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania; David Dixon Goodwin, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America; Gary Baker, Eminent Commander of Nazarene Commandery No. 99, Montrose, Pennsylvania; and William F. Lott, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut.



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## Preliminary Easter-2005

by Sir Knight Robert V. Hines  
P.G.C. (DC), KTCH, KCT

### General Chairman, Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service

The 75th Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, March 27, 2005, and will begin at 7:30 A.M. As in previous years, this Service and the breakfast after will complete a memorable weekend of events in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., including delegation dinners, tours, and Masonic fellowship. For one event, it is to be noted that the cherry blossoms should be in full bloom - a sure sign of spring!

### THE HOTEL WASHINGTON PACKAGE

The main hotel will again be the Hotel Washington in downtown Washington, D.C. This year the Hotel Washington is again offering a package arrangement as follows: double occupancy \$290.00 (two people), Friday and Saturday nights; Saturday luncheon for two, and Sunday breakfast for two, including tax, gratuity, and luggage fee (additional night, \$115.00 plus tax). The package is a \$90.00 savings for two people.

This arrangement is good only for the Friday and Saturday preceding Easter. Write the hotel to make your reservations: Hotel Washington, ATTN: Knights Templar Easter Program, 515 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Include your check or credit card number.

You may also call the Hotel Washington at (800) 424-9540, and speak with Sandy Warner to make

reservations for rooms and any of the activities, giving your credit card number for billing.

Check with the hotel upon arrival to insure all your reservations are complete.

OTHER THAN THE PACKAGE Prices if not taking the package are: room (double occupancy), \$115 plus tax for each night; Saturday lunch, \$39.00 each; Sunday breakfast, \$21.00 each. Tax and gratuity are included in the price of the Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast. If you are not staying at the Hotel Washington, please make arrangements to attend the breakfast since it is a great event. ***Make your reservations with the Grand Encampment office: (773) 777-3300.***

### GRAND COMMANDERS AND THEIR LADIES

Grand Commanders and their ladies may attend the Saturday luncheon, courtesy of the Grand Encampment by prior reservation ONLY. Be sure to identify yourself when dealing with the hotel.

### OUR GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, and his officers will greet everyone at the Saturday luncheon. ***This will be Ken's and Arlene's second Easter as our Grand Master and his lady, so let's get a big crowd out for this fine occasion in Washington.***

### TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

On Saturday, March 26, at 10:35 A.M., the Grand Commandery of Indiana will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery honoring their members who fell in combat as members of the

Armed Forces of the United States of America. They have again asked that everyone be invited to attend. The details of the trip to Arlington will be available when you arrive.

**EASTER MORNING PROGRAM** The Hotel Washington will be serving coffee and pastries beginning at 5:30 A.M., Easter morning. The buses will be available to leave at 6:15 A.M. to take members and their ladies to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the Sunrise Services. The buses will return to the hotel after the Service at about 9:30 A.M. so you can enjoy breakfast and meeting with friends.

### PARADE FORMATION

The parade will form on the lane leading up the hill. Delegations will form according to their entry into the Grand Encampment, senior to junior, and markers for each will be in place. As in the last six years, the Maryland delegation in their black plumes will appear before the formal parade with drummers and form a passion cross in the stands. The Grand Commandery of Maryland would also like to invite any of the other Commanderies which wear the black plume to get in touch and participate in the formation of the Cross. The parade will step off at 7:10 A.M., proceed up the hill, render "Eyes Right" on passing the Grand Master and his staff, and then proceed into seats as directed. Formation of three squads each is suggested, as well as at Secure Swords, in order to avoid bunching up on top of the hill. Colors will Right Flank at the podium and column Left and column Right and post the colors as directed. Parking for cars and buses is available at the top of the hill next to the Memorial. However, no vehicles will be permitted up the roadway after 7:00 A.M.

### OTHER DETAILS

Delegations desiring to make any special group arrangements should call Sandy Warner at the Hotel number. Delegations staying at other hotels or motels must provide their own transportation or meet at the Hotel Washington. Recognition is made to the Grand Commandery having the most Sir Knights in uniform in the parade and to the Grand Commandery having the highest percentage of its members in uniform in the parade. Prior to the service, Kena Shrine Band will provide music beginning at 7:00 A.M. Easter selections will be played as the parade moves out following the Assembly bugle call. Our Right Eminent Grand Prelates, Thomas G. Keithly and William Q. Moore, will conduct the Service.

Reservations should be made for rooms and any other activities by March 1, 2005.

**GRAND COMMANDERS ARE REQUESTED TO APPOINT A DELEGATION CHAIRMAN AND NOTIFY GRAND MASTER KENNETH B. FISCHER, 5138 SHADY OAKS, FRIENDSWOOD, TX 77546-3018, TELEPHONE NO.: home at night: (281) 482-0721; office: (713) 407-7269; FAX: (281) 482-0855, e-mail: KBF813@AOL.com** in order to receive all mailings concerning this event and to facilitate adequate planning! **FORMS WILL BE SENT IN JANUARY 2005. PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS SO THAT WE CAN ADEQUATELY PLAN FOR THIS EVENT.**



## New York's Knight Grand Cross Recipient



Sir Knight and Most Worshipful Edward R. Trosin (left), Past Grand Commander and Grand Master of Masons in New York State, was awarded the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple of the Grand Encampment, at the Annual Conclave of New York held in Buffalo in September of 2004. The award was presented by Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin (right), GCT, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment

The Knight Grand Cross of the Temple was established by Sir Knight William H. Thornley, Jr., M.E. Grand Master-1991-1994, to recognize Sir Knights for their distinguished service to Freemasonry, Templary, or humanity. It is the highest recognition available to a Sir Knight and is limited to 24 living holders within the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, excluding its officers.

Sir Knight Trosin is a member of Tonawanda Commandery No. 78; was Grand Commander of New York in 1987; was Grand High Priest, R.A.M., 1993; and has served as an appointed or elected officer of the Grand Lodge since 1993, culminating in his election as Grand Master in 2004.

Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer on the vinyl reproduction of the "Knights Templar" auto decal in the December 2004 issue of *Knights Templar* magazine:

The vinyl reproduction of the "Knights Templar" apron offered for sale in the December 2004 issue of this magazine has stirred much controversy. Some are offended by it. The apron referred to in the description was worn by some members years ago; however, it is not now an emblem of this order and never was an accepted part of our uniform as adopted by the Grand Encampment.

I would discourage the use of this emblem with the name Knights Templar. It is unfortunate, but true, that this article got into the magazine without my knowledge.

Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer, KCT, GCT

### Membership Certificate to Benefit KTEF

This beautiful membership certificate, at left, was designed to keep a record of all 3 degrees of a person who reaches Master Mason. It is 11 x 14 inches and is 100-pound, antique white, parchment paper with 8 different colors and 3 blended colors. The price is \$3.00 each, plus \$3.50 for shipping.

For every one sold \$1.00 will go to the KTEF. Send check or MO to: Sandra D. Knotts, PO Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.



## St. Bernard of Clairvaux

by Sir Knight Donald W. Monson, P.G.C. of Arizona  
and a member of the Committee on Religious Activities

August 20 has come and gone again: it is surprising that Templars have not celebrated this date, for it was on August 20, 1153, that St. Bernard died, and it became the feast day to recall his life and work.

Ancient Craft Masonry honors its two patron saints, St. John the Baptist on June 24 and St. John the Evangelist on December 27, two other dates set in the Roman, Anglican, Episcopal, and a few other church calendars, yet we ignore St. Bernard. True, he was not a biblical personage, but it was he who set the feet of the early Templars upon a sure foundation by giving them an official "Rule," by designing the first Templar habit (uniform), and by being "the man of the hour" at the Synod of Troyes, at which he served as secretary, when the Church granted authority for the new order to exist. Bernard wrote and dedicated to Hugues de Payns a treatise named *de laude novae militiae*, "praise of a new military"

Hugues de Payns (or Hugh of Payens), a Burgundian knight who had organized a small group of knights in Jerusalem in 1118 (or 1119) to protect pilgrims visiting the Holy Land, left that city in 1126 for a journey through parts of Europe to recruit new knights and to find greater authority to under-gird his work in Jerusalem. He sought the aid of Bernard.

Did Hugues know Bernard earlier? We cannot be sure, but it is a fact that there was a close relationship between Hugues and "his secular overlord, Hugh, Count of Champagne."

The Count of Champagne had formally joined the Knights of the Temple in 1125. It was he who had provided the land for the foundation of the Abbey of Clairvaux for Bernard, who was to become so influential in the life of the Templars.

St. Bernard was born in 1090 in east central France in the village of Fontaines, near Dijon in Burgundy. The new abbey of Clairvaux stood eighty miles from Fontaines and thirty-five miles from Troyes, the location of the Synod held in 1128. Hugues de Payns was born in a village only eight miles from Troyes. It is clear that the county of Champagne was home territory to the places and principal persons involved with the beginning of Templar history.

Bernard is described by historians as being "persuasive, daunting, sometimes overbearing." His vocation was that of a contemplative monk hidden from the world, but due to his personality he became indispensable in Church administration for roughly a quarter century (ca. 1128-1153). At the same time he is described as being warm, deeply sensitive, and immensely charming.

Before the advent of his life at Clairvaux, Bernard had entered the monastery of Citeaux in 1112. He is sometimes called the "difficult saint" due to his determination. The following story is revealing:

"After he had made his decision to enter the monastery of Citeaux ... he was not content that his election of what he was convinced was the best

form of monastic life should be a solitary one. Rather, he traveled back and forth in feudal Burgundy, cajoling his friends and relatives to heed God's call and accompany him to the 'New Monastery,' as it was called."

Biographers relate that "mothers hid their sons when Bernard came near, and wives clung to their husbands to prevent them from going to hear him."

There may be exaggeration in these stories, but it is recorded that, when Bernard arrived at Citeaux's gate with thirty companions, the Cistercian order was on the way to becoming the great success story of twelfth century monasticism. There were to be no less than 343 Cistercian houses by the time of Bernard's death in 1153.

In 1115 he was made Abbot of Clairvaux, one of four new foundations of Citeaux. For about a decade he was relatively silent, but by the mid-1120s Bernard was engaged in extensive writing of letters, treatises, and biblical commentaries. He was important politically, yes, but it was the "...extraordinary depth of his mystical writings that has guaranteed him an important role in the history of theology"

He was canonized in 1174, and created a 'Doctor of the Church' in 1830. This title is given in the Roman Church to certain theologians of outstanding merit. Very few have warranted the distinction; only thirty were named until the twentieth century when several more were added.

In a 1998 article in the British Masonic publication, *The Square*, the author, C. Bruce Hunter, brought out the fact that in iconography (the study of symbols associated with specific saints) St. Bernard's symbol is the beehive, said to represent the '...eloquence

for which he was justly famous." We are all familiar with the beehive being a symbol within the Craft and Brother Hunter asks the intriguing question, "But as the beehive is neither architectural nor biblical, we must look elsewhere for the basis of its association with the Craft. In that regard, its subtle connection with St. Bernard provides a satisfying answer... and his connection with the Templars shows what this curious symbol has to do with virtues that masons have always held dear."

Bernard's writings are instructive to read, even today. Here are two quotations from his work:

"Today you see many people who already have great possessions still laboring day by day to add one field to another with greed that knows no bounds. And you see those who have houses worthy of a king, nevertheless adding house to house every day. And do we not see people in high positions striving mightily for still higher positions? There is no end to it all because the highest and best is not to be found in any of these things. If a person cannot be at peace until he has the highest and best, is it surprising that he is not content with inferior and worse things? It is folly and extreme madness always to be longing for things that cannot only never satisfy but cannot even blunt the appetite. However much you have of such things you still desire what you have not yet attained. You are always restlessly sighing after what is missing.

"The wicked therefore walk round in this circle, naturally wanting what will satisfy their wants, and foolishly thrusting away the means of attaining it - that is, of attaining not consumption but consummation. Thus,

they wear themselves out with pointless effort and do not reach the end of happy fulfillment. They delight in the beauty of the creature rather than of the Creator. They lust for each and every experience more than they desire to come to the Lord of all."

And this: 'Jesus is honey in the mouth, music in the ear and a shout of joy in the heart.'

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### **Brother Dave Shaw Receives District of Columbia Educational Foundation Scholarship**



In May of 2004 the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia held its annual Ascension Day service at the Cleveland Park Congregational United Church of Christ. During the service the Grand Commander of the District of Columbia, Sir Knight Louis N. Abreu III presented student, Dave Shaw, with a scholarship check for \$3,000.00. Brother Shaw is pictured here (center) with Grand Commander Abreu III to his right and Reverend and Sir Knight Kenneth D. Fuller, R.E.P.G.C., to his left. Mr. Shaw is a Masonic Brother and a member of Fraternity Lodge No. 54 of D.C. Past Grand Commander Kenneth Fuller is a candidate for G.C.G. of the Grand Encampment line in 2006. (submitted by Sir Knight Paul S. Newhall, E. Commander of Columbia Commandery No. 2, District of Columbia.



During the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee April 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 third from left above). **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 five other pins, are still available for a cost of \$6.00 each, postage included. The pins offered are, from left: Mediterranean Pass, Knight Crusader of the Cross, 1800's Apron, Knight Commander's, Malta, and Knights Templar/Blue Lodge. 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 6 pins can also be viewed at the website: [www.YorkriteUSA.org](http://www.YorkriteUSA.org)

## Knights Templar Afghan to Benefit the KTEF

The afghan is a tapestry throw of 100% cotton with 360 picks per square inch. It has 2 American flags, one from 1776 and one from the present day, plus our national bird, the bald eagle, the 9 battle shields for the 9 knights of Malta, who founded the Christian Crusaders and led to the Knights Templar period. These battle shields are from the original design, taken from historical artwork of the Grand Lodge of England. Also, there is a beautiful poem, "A Knight Templar," 4 pictures from the past to present of knighthood, and 5 Sir Knights at bottom, early to present, with the far right showing a Knighting.

If interested, please send check or money order for \$49.00 to: Stanley C. Buz, PO Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. \$5.00 from each afghan sold will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.





## **Sir Knight James F. Byrnes: New Deal Senate Leader and Cold Warrior**

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

In the crucial decades that spanned American history from the time of William Howard Taft through the early years of the Eisenhower presidency; Sir Knight James Francis Byrnes occupied key positions in the United States government. During that time his public service included experience in both houses of Congress, a stint on the U.S. Supreme Court, key civilian appointments during World War II, Secretary of State, and finally Governor of South Carolina. In those same years, his philosophy identified with the Southern Progressives and New Dealers, but eventually his innate conservatism led him toward an independent stance and finally to the endorsing of GOP presidential contenders during the sixties as a respected elder statesman. Described as "a small, wiry, neatly made man.. .with an expression of quizzical geniality;" Byrnes spent sixty-one years as a Mason, fifty-five of them as a Knight Templar.

Few American statesmen sprouted from more humble beginnings than Byrnes, whose grandparents had been poor Irish Catholic immigrants who came to America during the great migrations associated with the potato famines of the late 1840s. Born in Charleston, South Carolina, on May 2, 1882, James Francis Byrnes came into the world a few months after his father had died, and his mother, Elizabeth McSweeney Byrnes, virtually penniless, managed to survive as a dressmaker. Her young son had to quit school at the age of fourteen and go to work. He became a clerk in the law

office of Mordecai and Gadsden, but with the help of one Benjamin Rutledge was able to continue his education on an informal basis. From there he advanced to the position of a court stenographer in 1900, moving to Aiken where he continued to study during his free time and finally at the age of twenty-one passed his bar exams. He still had to work as a court stenographer for a time.

On May 2, 1906, Jimmy Byrnes' birthday also became his wedding day when he married Maude Busch in St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church in Aiken. Although born and reared a Catholic, he had been attending the Episcopal Church since his move inland, and he subsequently became an Anglican. Remembering his origins and respecting his devout mother, he never became anti-Catholic in the manner of many Southern politicians. In 1908 he became a District Solicitor or prosecuting attorney. Two years later he challenged the incumbent member of Congress in the Second District and won in a run-off primary; In the next forty-plus years, Byrnes would lose only one election.

James Francis Byrnes became a Mason during the months before the next Congress went into session. On January 12, 1911, he was Raised in Aiken Lodge No. 156. Later that year Byrnes completed his Chapter degrees at Kadoshlayah Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons, also in Aiken. Five years elapsed before he was Knighted in Columbia Commandery No. 2 on October 20, 1916, and he later affiliated

with Aiken Commandery No. 14. In 1920 he joined Aiken Council No. 23, Royal and Select Masters. In later years when he relocated his law practice to the growing Piedmont city of Spartanburg, he moved his memberships there, first affiliating with Spartan Lodge No. 70 on July 5, 1926. Over the next several years his York Rite affiliations came to be in Chicora Chapter No. 23, Blake Council No. 19, and Spartanburg Commandery No. 3. Byrnes also belonged to the Shrine, Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias.

Jimmy Byrnes went on to serve seven terms in the House. During that time he served on the Pujio Committee that investigated the banking practices of the J. P. Morgan Syndicate, urged the formation of a Roads Committee, and worked behind the scenes to make an impression on party leaders. By the time the United States entered World War I, Byrnes held a key position on the Appropriations Committee. Over the next few months he formed close friendships with Assistant Navy Secretary, Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt, and financier Bernard Baruch, two associations that would serve him well in future years. On both domestic and foreign policy, Byrnes identified himself with those of President Wilson. After the Republicans regained control of Congress and the rejection of the Versailles Treaty and the League of Nations, some of the South Carolinian's influence declined, and in 1924 he decided to seek a Senate seat.

However, Byrnes suffered defeat in the primary, losing out to Cole Blease, one of the most colorful of the Southern demagogue politicians of that generation, who attacked Byrnes for his childhood, Catholic background. After his defeat the former Congressman relocated to Spartanburg, where he built

up a successful law practice and waited for an opportunity for a rematch with Blease, whose blatant racism included advocacy of lynching. Byrnes saw himself as a moderate on racial issues, and while he did not challenge the "Southern way of life," he never based his campaigns on the Blease brand of race hatred that appealed to many poor whites. Byrnes thought that what Southerners needed most was more economic opportunity and less appeal to emotion.

In 1930 his opportunity came. Blease's anti-black ravings made less sense and Byrnes' brand of Wilsonian progressivism made more sense in an era where Palmetto State residents were feeling the effects of the Great Depression. In addition, Jimmy Byrnes received considerable financial help from his old friend Bernard Baruch, whom Blease had alienated with his brand of anti-Semitism. Byrnes won the primary by 2,500 votes and was unopposed by any Republican in November. The new junior senator from South Carolina came to Washington in December 1931 and formed close friendships with other influential senators in the "Southern bloc," that included such luminaries as Carter Glass of Virginia, Pat Harrison of Mississippi, and Joe Robinson of Arkansas - all fellow Masons - who became men of considerable stature with the soon to be coming of a Democratic congressional majority, the presidency of Franklin Roosevelt, and the New Deal. In the 1932 national election Byrnes allied himself with the forces of FDR early in 1932.

During the early years of the New Deal, Byrnes became one of the nation's most influential senators. As a champion and advocate of reform legislation and Depression-combating agencies

that formed the core of congressional action of the 1933-1937 era, the freshman Senator gained a reputation as being highly effective. Among other achievements, he served as floor manager of the bill to create the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

From 1937 Byrnes' innate conservatism began to slowly be manifested. It first began to show in disputes over the amount of WPA funding and increased with the President's Supreme Court reform and White House support for sit-down strikes. Through these issues, Byrnes supported the President's position with some reluctance. However, when Joe Robinson died and FDR threw his support in the July contest to Alben Barkley over Pat Harrison to succeed him as Senate Majority leader, in the former's one vote margin of victory to become Robinson's successor; Byrnes found himself in the minority. He also remained aloof from FDR's efforts to "purge" conservative Democrats in the 1938 primary season.

Nonetheless, Byrnes swallowed his pride and backed FDR for a third term in 1940, although he was disappointed when the President chose Brother Henry Wallace instead of him as a running mate. Despite his growing disenchantment with New Deal liberalism, Byrnes supported Roosevelt's foreign policy in opposition to isolationist sentiment. In the spring of 1941, he helped steer the Lend-Lease Bill through the Senate by a vote of 60 to 31. By this time liberals held a solid majority on the U.S. Supreme Court, and with the retirement of James McReynolds from the Supreme Court, FDR expressed a willingness to appoint a more conservative Southerner to the high court. As a result, Senator Byrnes received the nod in spite of opposition from both the

CIO and the NAACP. He was confirmed unanimously in mid-1941. Byrnes served on the Court until October 1942. His decisions generally demonstrated a moderate viewpoint, taking a liberal perspective on some cases and conservative on others.

Still, rumors had it that Jimmy was bored with his appointment. With World War II now raging, Byrnes jumped at the opportunity to take a newly created civilian administrative post. As a result, he became Director of the Office of Economic Stabilization on October 15, 1942. In May 1943 Byrnes became head of the Office of War Mobilization. In these roles, the former Justice became unofficially known as "the Assistant President," a nickname that reflected his overall significance, but this apparently rankled FDR somewhat. By this time, Byrnes hoped for the vice presidency in 1944 as opposition to Henry Wallace was becoming rampant, especially among the more conservative elements of the New Deal coalition. However, he proved unacceptable to the CIO and the NAACP, and Senator and Brother Harry Truman received the nod. Again, Byrnes played the part of loyalist to the President and the ticket. After he was also passed over for Secretary of State in November 1944, the "Assistant President" determined that he would retire from his post as soon as the defeat of the Germans became a certainty. His resignation became effective on April 2, 1945. Before leaving that position, Byrnes did serve as part of the U.S. delegation to the Yalta Conference in February 1945. Jimmy and Maude Byrnes left Washington on April 7, 1945, to return to their home in Spartanburg. Less than a week later, Franklin D. Roosevelt was dead. Within hours of hearing the news, the

new President Harry Truman requested him to come back to Washington. Byrnes left the following morning.

On the way back from attending the Roosevelt funeral in Hyde Park, New York, Truman told Byrnes that he wanted him to be his Secretary of State. Byrnes accepted but did request that the President delay the appointment for several weeks out of respect for the current occupant, Edward Stettinius, Jr., who had replaced Cordell Hull. At this time Byrnes also told Truman about the top-secret atomic bomb project.

Byrnes took up his duties in the State Department on July 8, 1945. Within a week he and the President were on the way to Germany for the meetings at Potsdam, the last of the great World War II conferences. For the first six months of his tenure as head of foreign affairs, "patience and firmness" became Byrnes' slogan in his dealings with the increasingly difficult Soviets, while hoping that the two powers could continue some spirit of their wartime cooperation. However, after the Moscow meetings of December 1945, President Truman believed that Byrnes had been somewhat too patient and insufficiently firm in his meetings with Molotov and Stalin. As a result, Truman urged Byrnes to take a tougher line in his dealings with them stating that "I'm tired of babying the Soviets." Following this stern admonition - and probably his own inclinations as well - James Byrnes became more of what would be termed a "Cold Warrior." In his last four major conferences - one in London and three in Paris - Byrnes took a firmer stand in negotiations with the Soviets. However, he also decided to retire from the job, doing so in January 1947, after one and one-half years in the position.



Later that year his well-received book, *Speaking Frankly*, described his experiences in the foreign policy field.

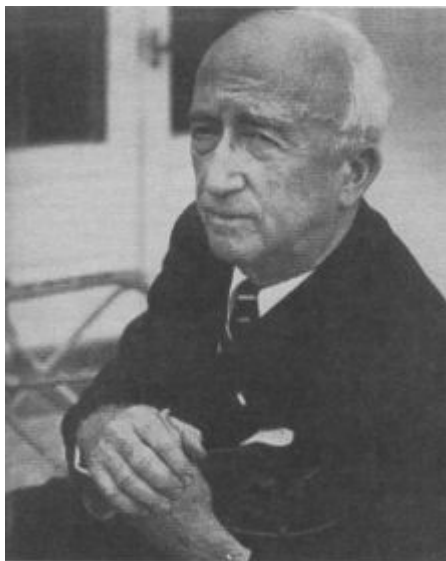
After his resignation the Byrnes' relationship with Truman suffered a serious decline. The 1948 Democratic platform took a strong stand in favor of civil rights for African-Americans, which made many Southerners uncomfortable to say the least. While Byrnes took no part in the Dixiecrat revolt of that year, he did not endorse Truman either. He did, however, decide to run for Governor of South Carolina in 1950. As the barriers associated with segregation had begun to fall, Byrnes defended the long-established order of Southern life, but he did advocate equality of education funding for both races. Jimmy Byrnes wanted to avoid the type of racism that had been associated with such past South Carolina politicians as Cole Blease, Cotton Ed

Smith, and Pitchfork Ben Tillman, and saw himself occupying a middle ground between that and the integrationists. In this respect his position was not unlike that of Louisiana's Jimmie Davis. In his private life Byrnes was known for his kindly treatment of African-Americans, and he helped fund numerous scholarships for poor children of both races. Byrnes won the race and served four years as Governor and retired from public office early in 1955.

While Byrnes never formally left the Democratic Party, he did help lead the way to a two-party system in the once "Solid South." In 1952 he introduced Dwight Eisenhower on the steps of the state capital and led a move for an "Independents for Eisenhower" slate of delegates from South Carolina that obtained some 46% of the vote. (The GOP slate of Ike's electors got almost another 3%.) In 1960, 1964, and 1968, Byrnes endorsed GOP Presidential candidates Nixon (twice) and Goldwater. He also approved Strom Thurmond's party switch of 1964. During Nixon's first term Byrnes' health declined, and he died on April 9, 1972, a few weeks short of his ninetieth birthday. During his long career in public service, he held numerous elective and appointive offices, serving in each with dignity and honor, although not without controversy. Still, he managed to win considerable respect in both parties as was demonstrated when he received a unanimous confirmation for the Supreme Court in 1941. Ironically, he is largely forgotten today except among foreign policy and cold war scholars, yet in his time Sir Knight Byrnes ranked among the most significant figures of the twentieth century and deserves to be better remembered as one of the best known Americans and Masons of his time.

Note: The principal source for the life of James F. Byrnes is the biography by David Robertson, *Sly and Able: A Political Biography of James F Byrnes* (New York: Norton, 1994). It should be supplemented by his own *memoirs, Speaking Frankly* (1947) and *All in One Lifetime* (1958), and the essays in the Kendrick A. Clements edited volume, *James F Byrnes and the Origins of the Cold War* (1982). *Alonzo Hamby, Man of the People: A Life of Harry S. Truman* (1995) is also relevant. His Masonic record is detailed in William R. Denslow, *10,000 Famous Freemasons I* (1957), p. 166.

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Sir Knight Byrnes  
in retirement, 1958



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