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Brother and Texas State Senator Jeff Wentworth (center) with Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer (left), Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A., and Brother Elmer Murphey III (right), Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Senator Wentworth had completed presenting both Grand Masters with their commissions as Admirals in the Texas Navy at the request and on behalf of Texas Governor Rick Perry. The presentations were made on March 5, 2005, in San Antonio at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas. The celebration commemorated the Grand Commandery's founding on January 19, 1855, in San Antonio. Photo courtesy of Sir Knight James A. Rodriguez, Generalissimo, San Antonio Commandery No. 7. The story starts on page 9.

## Grand Master's Message for May 2005

Every now and then one meets someone and an instant friendship is established. Several years ago, that happened to me. I met Bob and Sue Hines.

Bob served for the last seven or eight years as Chairman of the Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service and did an excellent job in pulling this most meaningful service together. He was thorough and just seemed to make it happen. I know that he put an extreme amount of effort into this activity, because we discussed the many facets of the service many times in planning the 2004 Service. Bob was a very good communicator and very easy to work with.



It was apparent last year that Bob was suffering a debilitating illness and was not as strong as he had been in years past. During the past twelve months Bob's condition worsened and he became unable to continue to work on the Easter Sunrise Service, which he seemed to enjoy so much.

At that point Sue asked that I appoint someone to fill in for Bob in planning the 2005 Service. I agreed with her suggestion, and we began to move forward; however, it was apparent that Sue did not quit working. She continued to work on the service and to make suggestions which I am sure were hers and Bob's. It was easy to see that they were still working on the service.

This continued until Easter weekend when the service was held, and God took Bob home on Friday, March 25. The 2005 Service was dedicated to the memory of Robert Vincent Hines. I am sure that the Father welcomed him with, "Well Done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant."

The bad part about meeting friends like Bob is that someday one must let them go, until another day.

Kenneth B. Fischer  
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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

MAY: Our coverage for the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation begins on page 5. It includes listings of new club members and an inspiring message from the General Chairman of the Voluntary Campaign. Do not overlook the information on the new medical reimbursement schedule for the KTEF on page 7. Next month more contributors to KTEF clubs will be listed plus the final state totals for the Campaign. As usual, comprehensive coverage of the Campaign will run in the July 2005 issue. On page 2 the Grand Master has memorial words concerning a Sir Knight who was special; don't miss them. Because of his timely and important remarks, *Knight Templar* takes pride in publishing the speech of then Grand Commander of Texas, Sir Knight James N. Higdon, at the Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration. You'll find it on page 9. Also, enjoy a multitude of interesting news items in this issue!

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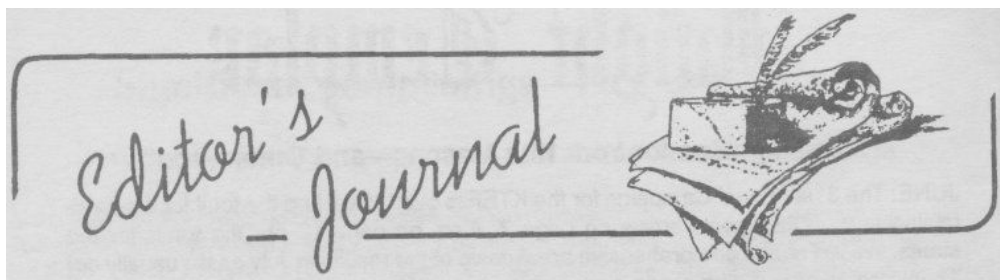
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## **Message from the General Chairman of The 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign**

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

Eyes Across America

### **There is no "Mini" in "Minnesota"**

We know that Sir Knights and their Commanderies and Grand Commanderies are solid in their support of their Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (KTEF). Throughout the year, they not only work hard, but they also use their genius in developing innovative ideas to promote the cause. I thought it would be interesting to our readers to summarize in this article the action plan used by one of our Grand Commanderies.



I recently received during the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign a report from Sir Knight Allan Kauppi, who is the Campaign Chairman of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota and who is also their Eminent Grand Generalissimo. He was pleased to say that the KTEF is of high priority for every officer in their Grand Commandery. At every opportunity throughout the year and throughout the state, they encourage participation in and contributions to the KTEF. Their intention is to keep their members well-informed and active crusaders for the KTEF.

As part of their procedure, each time a grand officer visits a constituent Commandery the KTEF is prominent on his agenda. He reminds the Sir Knights and their ladies that eye problems can afflict anyone, not only themselves but also their relatives, friends, and acquaintances. The KTEF can and does provide help in the diagnosis and treatment of many eye diseases not only to needy fellow citizens in their own state but also throughout the country. In addition, the important role of research is especially noteworthy to Minnesotans. The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, is studying important eye diseases in the newborn as a result of a research grant its Department of Ophthalmology received from the KTEF.

The latest twinkle from the North Star State is an attractive lapel pin they have designed for the purpose of raising funds exclusively for the KTEF. A picture of the pin is printed on page 6. They have had success in selling the pin not only to Sir Knights throughout the North Central Department but also to associated groups, such as the Eastern Star, as well as to others.

The cost of the pin is \$5.00, postage paid, and all profit is given to the KTEF. If desired, a check may be made out to the Minnesota Grand Commandery and mailed to Sir Knight Allan Kauppi, 10508 Redwood Street, N.W., Coon Rapids, MN 55433-6501.

The ongoing intensity of the work of their Knights Templar shows that there is no "Mini" in the "Minnesota Grand Commandery."



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General Chairman, 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign  
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

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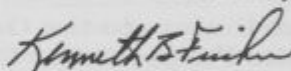
## New Medical Reimbursement Schedule

The Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., have recently reevaluated the reimbursement schedule offered to the physicians and facilities who help us provide charitable services to those citizens who qualify for our assistance. With recent developments in medical technology and patient care; Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurance companies have all adjusted their schedules to reflect improved and more efficient care.

In keeping with the "Mission of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation" and our charitable objective in not competing with the services and reimbursements as provided by Medicare and commercial insurance companies, the Eye Foundation has adjusted its reimbursement schedule. The new schedule is effective May 1, 2005. All applications dated prior to May 1, 2005, will be honored relative to the current (older) schedule. Applications dated May 1, 2005, and after will be reviewed in light of the new schedule only.

We appreciate all the services our Sir Knights, physicians, hospitals, and other health-care professionals perform to give the "Gift of Sight" to those who are much less fortunate. We ask all to continue to join with us in extending that charitable concern to those patients, that they may see and lead productive lives.

Fraternally,



Kenneth B. Fischer, Grand Master and President, KTEF

## New Contributors to the 33° Club

*Many more will run in the June 2005 issue!*

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*The final state tally for the 37th Voluntary  
Campaign will run in the June issue!*

## **IN MEMORIAM**



**John W. Werner**  
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 Grand Commander—1943  
 Born: May 14, 1902  
 Died: October 1, 2002

**Samuel E. Lowe**  
 Kentucky  
 Grand Commander—1996  
 Born: January 19, 1925  
 Died: January 27, 2005

**Edward C. Brown**  
 Wyoming  
 Grand Recorder—2004-2005  
 Born: August 8, 1939  
 Died: February 10, 2005

**Sylvester L. Maust**  
 Ohio  
 Grand Commander—1997  
 Born: September 7, 1923  
 Died: March 12, 2005

**James H. Cockerham**  
 Missouri  
 Grand Commander—1967  
 Born: December 12, 1921  
 Died: March 14, 2005

**Robert Vincent Hines**  
 District of Columbia  
 Grand Commander—1987  
 Born: February 21, 1933  
 Died: March 25, 2005

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Pictured left to right, at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, on March 5, 2005, in San Antonio, are: M.E. Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer; M.E. Grand High Priest J. Weldon Clampitte, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas; M.W. Grand Master Elmer Murphey III, Grand Lodge of Texas; and Grand Commander James N. Higdon, Grand Commandery of Texas. The celebration commemorated the Grand Commandery's founding on January 19, 1855, in San Antonio. Photo courtesy of James A. Rodriguez, Generalissimo, San Antonio Commandery No. 7.

**Remarks of James N. Higdon, Grand Commander  
at the Sesquicentennial Celebration of the  
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas  
at the Scottish Rite Library and Museum in San Antonio  
March 5, 2005**

It is indeed a great pleasure to participate with you in the celebration of the Sesquicentennial of our great Grand Commandery tonight, to assist in paying due homage to our predecessors and our historic past. It is quite an accomplishment to have survived for one hundred fifty years and to celebrate our service of the varied and diverse needs of our respective communities: the secular, the Masonic, of course, and

more importantly to our Rite, Knights Templar as well.

It is a very historic occasion for our Grand Commandery, as well as for each of us who are here to participate in the making of this history of our Grand Commandery, and also for the many more who will be in attendance at the Sesquicentennial Annual Conclave in April.

Having minored in history when I

was at the University of Texas, I have always enjoyed studying history and observing the interesting parallels in historical events, and that is what we are here tonight to do to a certain extent: to reflect on history, our Templar history.

At the **Fifty-first Annual Conclave** of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, held in the asylum of Paris Commandery No. 9 in Paris, Texas, on April 13-14, **1904**, a Past Grand Commander of Texas, **Henry Bates Stoddard**, was then presiding as the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. By the time the Fifty-second Annual Conclave was held in the asylum of Beaumont Commandery No. 38 in 1905, Sir Knight Bates had presided over his Triennial Conclave in San Francisco, California.

At the **One Hundred Fifty-first Annual Conclave** held "in the asylum" of Ascension Commandery No. 25 in Tyler, Texas, on April 16-19, 2004, another Past Grand Commander of Texas was at the helm of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. **Most Eminent Grand Master Kenneth Bernard Fischer** is here with us tonight representing both Texas and the Grand Encampment. He will likewise be received at the Sesquicentennial and 152nd Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery six weeks from tonight but will not preside at "his" Triennial Conclave until August 2006. I might digress and say that I have used the possessive "his" loosely, since knowing our Grand Master, I know that it is not "his" but our Triennial Conclave, and it is merely the one at which he will preside, just as the Sesquicentennial

Annual Conclave is not "my Annual Conclave" but "our Sesquicentennial Annual Conclave" and simply the one at which I will preside.

In another parallel, in **April 1905** at the **Fifty-second Annual Conclave**, **Grand Commander Edwin Chamberlain of San Antonio Commandery No. 7** presided. In **April 2005**, one hundred years later, **another Past Commander of San Antonio Commandery No. 7** will preside at the **One Hundred Fifty-second and Sesquicentennial Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery**.

As a student of history, the most interesting history course I took while in college was Naval History. It took the traditional historical events of world that we learned in elementary, junior high, and high school and looked at them from an entirely different - and more correct - viewpoint. The history of our world has often been shaped by the world power that controlled the seas: from the Peloponnesian War, to Spain, Portugal and England in the 1600s to the 1800s, to Great Britain, Germany and the United States from the 1900s to the present. In other words, we cannot be complacent or staid in our viewpoint of any problem or task with which we are challenged.

We must learn from our predecessors, who in 1854 and 1855 were not complacent, but were far-thinking men who believed enough in their Masonry that, before being **"GTT - Gone to Texas,"** they ensured that they left with the proper warrants they would need to "legally" carry Masonry into this new frontier called Texas.

Such a far-thinking man was Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Samuel M. Williams, our first Grand

Commander, "a most remarkable man" in the words of Templar historian, J. Lee Zumwalt. Reading from his "A Short History of The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Texas 1881-1955," he describes Sir Knight Williams this way:

"He was a partner of Stephen F. Austin, the father of Texas, in the development of his colony. In November 1835 he made a visit to New York City, and while there on November 21, 1835, he received the Lodge degrees in Independence Royal Arch Lodge No. 2 by dispensation. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree on November 21, 1835, in Jerusalem Chapter No. 8. On December 1, 1835, he was created a Knight Templar in Morton Commandery No. 4. Ten days later he was in Washington, D.C., where both the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the United States, and the General Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, were in session. From the Grand Chapter he secured a charter dated December 9, 1835, to organize a Chapter at San Felipe de Austin in the State of Texas, Republic of Mexico, to be High Priest and with authority to fill in the remaining offices. And from the Grand Encampment on December 10th he was granted a warrant for a Commandery in the same name, in the same place, and issued to the same parties. Sir Williams was installed as High Priest, also as Eminent Commander in New York City about December 26, 1835, before leaving for Texas after securing his warrants. These were the first charters granted to any Masonic bodies in Texas. The town of San Felipe de Austin was destroyed during the Revolution and Williams removed to Galveston and engaged in commercial

affairs with great success. He aided the Republic materially in a financial way. Under the charter a Chapter was organized at Galveston June 2, 1840. The early records in San Felipe de Austin Commandery No. 1 disappeared about 1866, but the Commandery was organized in 1846 by Sir Samuel M. Williams, Sir Thomas Buckley, who received the orders in England, and Sir William M. Hudson, who received the orders in Ireland. Sir Knight Williams was born in the State of Rhode Island, the smallest in the Union. When he removed to Texas he became a citizen of Texas and the Republic of Mexico. When Texas achieved its independence, he became a citizen of the Republic of Texas. When Texas joined the Union, he became a citizen of the United States and of Texas, the largest state in the Union."

One by one, new Commanderies were organized across the state:

Ruthven Commandery No. 2 of Houston met and organized under dispensation on June 8, 1848.

Palestine Commandery No. 3 was constituted on November 24, 1852; the Orders were conferred upon Judge John H. Reagan, one of the greatest men in Texas. Sam Houston was present and participated in the organization and the conferring of the Orders.

Colorado Commandery No. 4 at Austin was instituted May 30, 1855, under a dispensation, and a charter was issued June 23, 1855. That Commandery, like the three original Commanderies, has continued an unbroken existence and is in a flourishing condition.

The next Commandery chartered was Wheelock No. 5, under dispensation, between June 1855 and June 1856, but the charter was granted in

June 1856. The records of this Commandery have been lost. When the war between the states began, its membership of about 55 or 60 all joined the Confederate Army and were killed in battle [and t]he Commandery [simply] ceased to exist.

In one of the famous battles fought by Napoleon, a private soldier in his army distinguished himself by his valor and attracted a great deal of attention; however, he was killed in the battle. Ever afterward when the roll of the Company was called, his name was called first, and the oldest sergeant would reply "Died on the field of glory."

When the roll of the Commanderies is called in the Grand Commandery and Wheelock No. 5 is reached, the senior Past Grand Commander should respond, by the highest eulogy known to man, "Died on the field of duty."

We will (have) re-institute(d) this tradition at our Annual Conclave this year with our Senior Past Grand Commander, Richard T. Porter, having that honor and duty.

Dallas No. 6 and San Antonio No. 7 came next and were chartered in 1855 and 1868, respectively.

It is fitting that San Antonio was the birthplace of our Grand Commandery, an "historic city, where great and inspiring deeds of patriotism occurred during the [Texas] Revolution" and where those early, if not first, heroic patriots of Texas gave their last full measure of devotion to Texas and liberty. It was here, during the meeting of the Grand lodge of Texas January 1855, that the representatives of the original three Commanderies in Texas met and formed a new Grand Commandery and elected Sir Knight Williams the first Grand Commander of the twelfth Grand Commandery in the Grand Encampment. The rest is history, our

history, and I would like to remind **you** of some of our early history, again referring primarily to the history compiled by Sir Knight Zumwalt.

The song says that "They will know we are Christians by our love." Texas Templars have throughout our history demonstrated our love by our deeds, contributing to relief of the distressed. We built and equipped a hospital at the Home for Aged Masons, now the Texas Masonic Retirement Center at a then cost of \$55,000.00 and donated it to the Home. We built an addition to the hospital in 1953 at a cost of \$200,000.00 and donated it to the Home as well.

In 1918 Grand Commander William James, in his address to the Grand Commandery; emphasized the importance of the public free schools and called upon the Sir Knights of Texas to do all in their power to promote their growth and prosperity. The Grand Lodge of Texas has co-opted Grand Commander James' program, and it's now called Public Schools Week.

In 1923 we were charged by the Grand Encampment with creating an educational fund in the sum of \$9.00 per member. We did that, and our Educational Committee began making loans to worthy young men and women.

In 1935 we enacted a law that allowed any constituent Commandery to exempt any of its members from the requirement to pay dues on account of illness, old age, or financial stringency, and such remission would also include remission of the dues to the Grand Commandery. A few years later during World War II, our Grand Commandery called upon our Commanderies to remit the dues of members in the armed services, which would also remit them to Grand Commandery as well.

Since 1956 through the vehicle called the Knights Templar Eye Foundation,

we have provided surgical interventions for men, women, and children who could not afford them and funded eye research. We can be doubly proud in Texas of this charitable endeavor in that much of the money spent by the KTEF is spent right here in Texas.

Our members of past have also distinguished themselves and thereby us in many fields of endeavor. Militarily, we have such Confederate notables as:

General John Gregg, a member of Palestine No. 3, who was the last general to command the famous Texas Brigade in Lee's army;

Generals W. P. Hardeman and Hamilton P. Bee and Bernard E. Bee, Jr.: They were the sons of the men for whom Hardeman and Bee counties were named. Bernard Bee, Jr., who died at the First Battle of Bull Run, is also known as the man who gave General Thomas J. Jackson his famous moniker, "Stonewall," earlier in that battle.

**Educationally**, we have such leaders as:

William M. Rice, who founded Rice Institute, now Rice University, and was a Templar from 1848 until he died in 1900, 52 years.

George Littlefield, who was a charter member of Gonzales Commandery No. 11 and donated the famous Wrenn Library, consisting of first editions and rare books then valued at \$250,000.00, to the University of Texas and later donated sums aggregating at least a million dollars. He also served on the Board of Regents of the University. Littlefield Fountain and Littlefield Dormitory at UT were built and named in his honor.

L. A. Pires, a member of Dallas Commandery, who in his will gave SMU property valued at \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Rev. William Cary Crane, a charter member and Commander at Goliad, was a very popular minister and a president of Baylor University at Independence, Texas, during the days of the Republic.

Over thirty Grand Commanders have also been **Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Texas**.

Of the **Governors of Texas**, more than thirty have been Masons, and one was the wife of a Knight Templar. Of these gubernatorial Masons, more than twelve have been Templars.

**Counties** that have been named for Templars include Tarrant, Lubbock, Erath (who was the surveyor who laid out the city of Waco), Wilson, Gray (a Grand Commander, Grand Master, and member of the Supreme Court of Texas), Ochiltree, Reagan (a U.S. Senator, Postmaster General of the Confederate States, first chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, and one of the authors of the bill that created the Interstate Commerce Commission), Gregg, Winkler (a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and a member of the Court of Criminal Appeals at the time of his death), Crane (for Rev. Crane), Titus, and Houston (for Sam Houston).

In looking into our past, who at that time - for that matter, who of you today - would think that God would have placed each one of the members and leaders of our historic Grand Commandery in this place at their time in the various roles they performed in

the formation and government of this Grand Commandery and each of our constituent Commanderies?

For more than 150 years, God has placed and used a great many of His saints in the government and maintenance of our Grand Commandery. I believe that He placed each of us here to carry on His work through our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, Commanderies and, yes, this Grand Commandery. We honor our past, we **are** the present, and we will necessarily determine the future of this Grand Commandery, as well as each of our Commanderies.

Thank you for being here to participate in this event in our Grand Commandery's history. I am indeed privileged to be able to serve you and this Grand Commandery as its Sesquicentennial Grand Commander. I congratulate each of you for what you have done and what you will do to

ensure that our Grand Commandery will be here in 2055, 3005, and beyond, carrying our beaueants in our battle for Christ in our every endeavor. Remember, each of you is someone's idea of a Mason, of a York Rite Mason, and, more especially, of a Knight Templar. **Make them proud to know you; what our forbearers have stood for over the past 150 years; and, more importantly, what you stand for today!**

**God Bless the Grand Commandery of Texas, and God Bless Texas!**

At the time of the writing of this article, Sir Knight James N. Higdon was the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas. He presently edits and prepares the Texas Supplement for *Knight Templar* magazine. He resides at 10122 N. Manton Lane, San Antonio, TX 78213-1948.

## **San Angelo Assembly No. 190, S.O.O.B. in San Angelo, Texas Contributes to Toys for Kids in Crisis Program**



San Angelo Assembly No. 190, S.O.O.B., San Angelo, Texas, delivered 15 stuffed bears to Lt. Don Wilson of the San Angelo Police Department for the Toys for Kids in Crisis Program. The members of San Angelo No. 190 donated all the bears. In the picture, left to right, are: (Mrs. Kenneth) Marie Dickson, Worthy President; Lt. Wilson; and (Mrs. Leland C.) Anne Langston, P.P., Recorder.

## New Mexico's Baidwyn Commandery a Sponsor of DeMolay Chapter



Baidwyn Commandery No. 12, Gallup, New Mexico, is one of the few Commanderies that sponsors a DeMolay Chapter. At a special Communication of Lebanon Lodge No. 22, A.F. & A.M., Brother Louis E. Feldman, a Senior DeMolay from New York, was Raised as a Master Mason by his father, W. Brother Joel Feldman of New York. Shown in the picture, left to right, are W.B. Robert Keene, Master of the Lodge, a Senior DeMolay of Gallup Chapter and a former DeMolay Advisor; WB. Joel Feldman; Brother Lou Feldman; and R.W. Brother Eurell W. Malone, who conferred the degree and has been a DeMolay Advisor of Gallup Chapter for more than 50 years.

## Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., Visits Shreveport No. 60



(Mrs. Elo E.) Judy Limas, Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of the Beauceant, made her official visit to Shreveport Assembly No. 60, Louisiana. (Mrs. Charles W.) Mary Jordan of Oil City, Louisiana, was initiated. Members from two Texas Assemblies, McKinney No. 263 and Texarcana No. 196, helped with the initiation, and they were certainly appreciated. In the picture at left, left to right, are: new member, (Mrs. Charles W.) Mary Jordan; Mrs. Elo Limas, S.W.P.; and (Mrs. Manfred) Theresa.

Johnscher, Worthy President of Shreveport No. 60. At right are the members of Shreveport Assembly, visiting members, and Supreme Worthy President Mrs. Limas



## **Duties Of Officers (continued)**

Masonic organizations are so structured that each officer has certain responsibilities that are inherent in his office. In accepting the office, he agrees to fill his station for all meetings. If for no other purpose, this guarantees a quorum to conduct business. He also stays abreast of the current business that is transacted. When unavoidably absent, he should inform the presiding officer and, ideally, secure his replacement.

In a progressive line, each officer should be improving his knowledge of the ritual, landmarks, customs, and programs of his local body, as well as the state and national programs that affect it. Ritualistic responsibilities should be learned a year early to guarantee proficiency.

Concurrently, each officer should feel a responsibility to see that each candidate is properly received into the organization and integrated into the program. The earlier the candidate learns the objectives of the order and the methods employed, the sooner he will be inspired to participate. A knowledgeable member is a valuable member. This also insures that healthy new blood is continuously received. While the presiding officer has the overall responsibility for governing the body, he must have the cooperation of each officer to insure success.

The inexplicable feeling of brotherly love and friendship that prevails throughout the Masonic fraternity cannot be gained from books and lectures. It manifests itself when the members and officers work together with dedication and enthusiasm, each making his contribution for the good of the order.

## **Leadership**

The principal attribute for the development of a leader is that an individual have a desire to accomplish some worthwhile task. Once you have this desire, and most of us do, the mechanics for executing your mission can be learned.

The presiding officer of your Masonic body cannot, or be expected to, head up all of the programs of the organization. Each program requires one dedicated individual to provide the leadership necessary for its successful employment. Masonic organizations offer many diverse opportunities where a degree of leadership is required. Some of these are: Charitable Projects, Candidate Education, Degree Teams, Sick and Visitation, Membership Committee (not lodge), a Uniform Committee in the Commandery, and many others. Compare the performance of your organization with that list, and you will discover a number of areas where your talents are required.



There is not room in this small volume for a full course on Leadership. However, the main points for planning and executing a program are listed below. Select your program and make up your outline.

### **Planning a Project:**

#### **A. Make a Plan:**

1. State your objective clearly.
2. List a number of ways to accomplish the mission.
3. List materials, finances, etc., on hand and/or required.
4. List individuals who could assist you.

#### **B. Refine the Plan:**

1. Keep your objectives in mind.
2. Select the methods you intend to use. Discard the unwieldy. The simpler, the better.
3. Establish a timetable for attaining your objectives.
4. Assign definite responsibilities to your assistants. Inspire uninvolved members to assist you.

#### **C. Issue your orders and put the plan to work.**

#### **D. Continually supervise while the plan is in effect, making modifications as necessary.**

This simple outline has governed the planning of all of the world's great generals. This plan is adaptable to securing 50 new members this year, revitalizing degree teams, securing \$10,000 for your charitable objectives, or any other program of your organization. We have the manpower; we only need someone to take the lead and help the members participate.

Caution - There are two types of leadership, Autocratic and Persuasive. When dealing with volunteer workers, the persuasive approach is the only viable course. An autocratic approach is immediately obvious to the membership and turns more people off than on. The best approach is to organize a "team," in which all work together for the good of the order.

The successful leader is not personally involved in all of the programs of his organization. He selects areas in which to become a specialist. He trains new members to carry on his work. He turns the responsibility over to them, assists them, and then goes on to develop other areas requiring his abilities. This is a highly important feature of the leadership process.

The personal satisfaction gained from the successful completion of a worthwhile project is more rewarding than any honor or recognition bestowed upon you by some other person. Motivate yourself, then motivate others. Practice makes perfect. Leadership can be learned...

**Make things happen!**

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

## **Attention: Drill Team Members:**

**If you are participating on a drill team, please see the web-site at *www.knightstemplar.org* (Drill Regulations) for the most recent revision of the regulations!**

### **Appomattox Commandery No. 6 Unveils Picture**

Sir Knight Jay L. Cotner, then Grand Commander of Virginia, made his official visit to Appomattox Commandery No. 6 in the fall of 2004. According to Sir Knight Lawrence B. Smith, Recorder and magazine editor for the state; it was a great night with 85 Sir Knights, ladies, and guests in attendance for a delicious dinner. Afterward, in compliance with the wishes of Sir Knight Ed Carpenter, Jr., R.E. Northeastern Department Commander (South), a picture of the six R.E. Past Grand Commanders from Appomattox Commandery No. 6 was unveiled by Judge Oliver Pollard, great, great-grandson of R.E. Grand Commander John Pollard (1839-1845) and Wilhelmina Moore, widow of R.E. Grand Commander Earnest M. Moore, Jr. (1965-1966). In the picture, left to right, are: Jay L. Cotner, then G.C.; Judge Oliver Pollard; Mrs. Wilhelmina Moore; Ed Carpenter, Jr., R.E.D.C.; and Joe Westfall, E.C. The picture is located at Appomattox Commandery No. 6 in Petersburg, Virginia, for viewing.



## **Sovereign Grand Inspector General in South Carolina Inducted into the York Rite**

February 2005 Illustrious Michael D. Smith, S.G.I.G. in South Carolina, was initiated into the York Rite degrees by the Spartanburg York Rite Bodies. There were six other candidates in this 2-day class, which was named in honor of Illustrious Smith. The work was performed by the following Companions and Sir Knights from South Carolina: The Mark Master Degree was presented with Sir Knight Johnnie T. Morris, Past Grand Commander and present Grand Secretary/Recorder, as Right Worshipful Master. The Past Master Degree was presented with Most Worshipful D. Samuel Tennyson, Past Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar in South Carolina, Past Southeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, and present Treasurer of the York Rite Grand Bodies in South Carolina, as Right Worshipful Master. The Most Excellent Master Degree was presented with Sir Knight Glen Watts, Past Grand Commander in South Carolina, as Right Worshipful Master. The Royal Arch Degree was presented with Most Illustrious Bobby J. Sprouse, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in South Carolina, as Excellent High Priest and Sir Knight Glen Watts as Principal Sojourner. The Council degrees were presented by Absolom Cody Council No. 8 bodies under the direction of Most Excellent Albert J. Wyatt, Most Excellent High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, as Illustrious Master in the Select Master Degree and Right Eminent District Deputy Grand Master for the Third District, John T. Dickson, as King Solomon in the Royal Master Degree. The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was presented by Sir Knight Don S. Blair, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina, as Sovereign Master. The Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta were communicated by Sir Knight George Peters and Sir Knight Allen Chandler, both Eminent Past Commanders of Spartanburg No. 3. The Order of the Temple was presented with Past Grand Commander Don S. Blair as acting Commander.

The following Companions and Sir Knights worked in the degrees and orders: John Pearson (Charleston Bodies), Jay Adam Pearson, Phillip Graham, Douglas Knauer, Richard Lane, Andrew Temples, Howard Tucker, Jimmy Sutherland, Fred



Thompson, Marty Farwell, Vernon Burnett, Barney Rhinehart, and Eddie Mitchell. The members of the Class were Michael D. Smith, Douglas C. O'Shields, Lucian Beau Henry Jonathan D. Stanzell, Charles T. Morgan Michael Ekard, and Jeffery D. Lang.



### **Annual Installation of Officers at Tampa Assembly, S.O.O.B.**

Below is a picture of the newly installed officers for Tampa Assembly No. 208, Tampa, Florida. At bottom is a picture of the installing officers of the Assembly. The officers were installed by P.S.W.P.s Mrs. Case and Mrs. Dean (to right). The installing Musician was Sir Knight David Meade (third from right). The other installing officers (to left) shown with President Mrs. David Mason (center in robe) are: Mrs. Ken Scott, Mrs. Joe Coster, Mrs. Raul Reyes, and Mrs. Roger Myers.



# **Robert Browne Hall (1858-1907) New England March King and Fraternal Friend**

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

You could always tell when R. B. Hall's band was coming down the street. The talented cornetist usually played his part an octave higher than the rest of the section, and his clear, beautiful sound stood out over the entire band. Hall was also a gifted conductor and internationally known composer of marches. Many of his finest marches were written for the leading fraternal orders of his day including the Elks, Redmen, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, and Knights Templar. Although Hall seems to have enthusiastically supported these various organizations, he is not known to have held membership in any of them.

R. B. Hall was considered a man of great talent with a voracious work ethic. Misfortune, however, plagued the musician throughout his relatively short life. Hall never lived to receive fame commensurate with his genius and died a pauper.

Robert Browne Hall was born on June 30, 1858, at Abagadasset Point, Bowdoinham, Maine. His parents



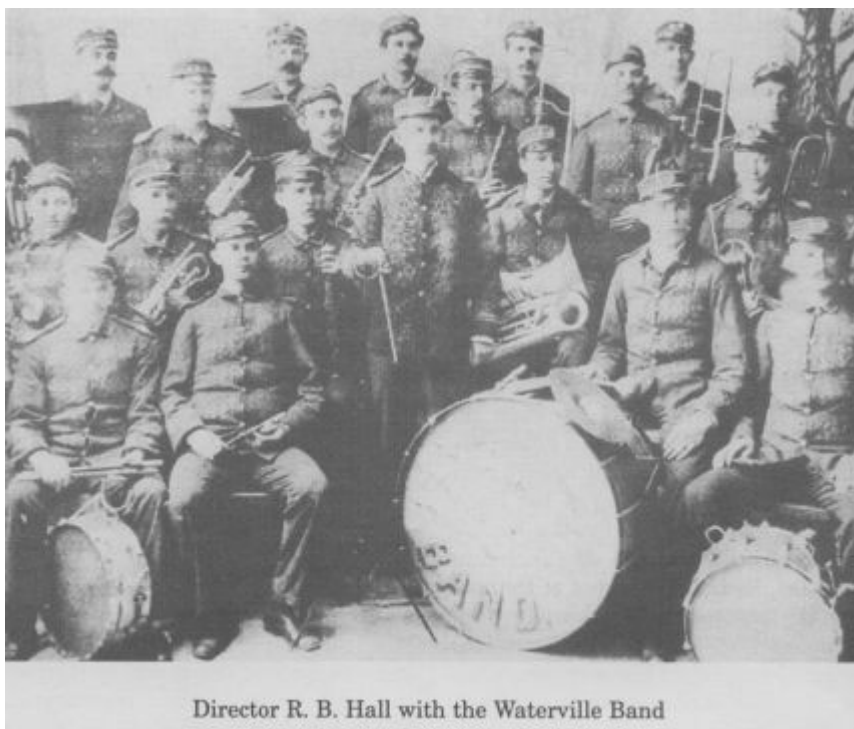
R. B. Hall as a young man with cornet

were both accomplished musicians. His mother, the former Virginia Browne, played the piano, guitar, violin, and several other instruments. His father, Nathaniel Hall, played cornet and the old-fashioned, keyed bugle. He is known to have both played with and conducted the Silver Cornet Band in Noblesboro, Maine.

He was also Robert's first music teacher, providing the boy with lessons on the e-flat cornet. Tragically, Nathaniel Hall died in 1874. Still in his mid-teens, Robert went to work in a local shoe factory to support his



Robert B. Hall (middle) as a very young man, probably in Richmond, Maine



Director R. B. Hall with the Waterville Band

mother and family and also to support his continuing music education.

The youthful Hall switched to B-flat cornet and frequently played summer engagements as a soloist. At age nineteen he directed the Richmond Cornet Band in his hometown. At age twenty Hall received his first big break, accepting a position as a soloist with Thomas Baldwin's Cadet Band in Boston. This was one of the premier bands of New England and was formerly directed by P. S. Gilmore. The band's roster included the renowned cornet virtuoso, Alessandro Liberati. After Liberati left the band for a position in New York, Hall remained as featured soloist for three additional seasons.

In 1882 Hall accepted the post of conductor of the Bangor Municipal Band in his home state of Maine. The band had fallen on hard times and needed reorganization. Hall did such a fine job, that

he was presented with the gift of a gold, Boston 3-Star "Ne Plus Ultra" cornet in July of 1884. Hall loved the instrument and played it throughout his entire career. It is now on display at the Reddington Museum in Waterville. To show his appreciation, Hall composed a march, "Greetings to Bangor."

Hall moved again in 1891 to conduct the Waterville Military Band in Waterville, Maine. The band would eventually become known as R. B. Hall's Military Band. Hall also taught music at Colby College and performed many professional engagements as soloist and guest conductor. He also composed many fine marches and other short pieces for band.

During the mid-1890s, Hall accepted the position of director of the Tenth Regiment Band in Albany, New York. The band was in poor shape and needed complete rejuvenation. Hall again

worked wonders, and the band was hired to play the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo in 1901. Other notable bands in attendance included those of Sousa and Brooke. This was the same Exposition where a fanatic assassinated President William McKinley.

Hall's tenure with the Tenth Regiment Band was for the most part positive; however, the band frequently marched, and this was very difficult for Hall, who always walked with a pronounced limp due to some unknown physical problem. The determined musician was often seen marching with the band using a cane. It is thought that Hall took his parade marches at a rather slow tempo, no doubt influenced by his physical problems. However, it should also be noted that Hall believed in giving the crowd a good show. According to tradition, Hall's bands rarely marched to a drum cadence. Instead, they played close to one hundred percent of the time, even on uphill stretches! When the rigors of the Albany Band became too overwhelming, Hall is known to have occasionally returned to Waterville to perform with his old band.

In 1902 R. B. Hall was again back at his old post in Waterville full-time to celebrate the town's centennial. This was also the year that Hall suffered a serious stroke from which he would only partially recover. It has been speculated that the stroke Hall suffered at age 42 was the result of his workaholic nature and turbulent marriage to his wife Isabella.

Despite this setback, Hall achieved international fame with his march, "Officer of the Day," the following year. Curiously, the march had originally been a funeral piece and was reworked in six/eight time. The piano edition sold 300,000 copies in Europe

alone, and Hall received royalties of two cents per copy. In contrast, many of his earlier marches were sold outright to Mace Gray Publishing Company for only five dollars each!

Other R. B. Hall march favorites include "Independetia," written for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and "New Colonial," which was premiered by Hall's Military Band at the cornerstone laying ceremony of the Waterville City Hall in 1901. The later march was a favorite for formal occasions in England where it was often presumed that R. B. Hall was an Englishman. Arthur Pryor's famous band also recorded the march a few years later for the Victor label.

It is thought that Hall composed 112 marches during his career. Only 62 were published in his lifetime or shortly after his death. Hall's marches are usually easy enough to be played by amateur groups, and his tunes have a lilting quality that no other composer ever achieved. His counter melodies are also extremely clever, and his trio melodies are beautiful enough to fill the tear ducts of the most virile man. Sousa is known to have played a Hall march at the Paris Exposition of 1900.

Robert Browne Hall died of nephritis on June 8, 1907, in Portland, Maine. Death found him destitute and deserted by his wife. Although the hand of fate had been fickle to the "New England March King," his fellow musicians had not forgotten him. His funeral procession included the Waterville Band, Olympia Band, and Chandler's Band. Hall's compositions "March Funebre," "Eternal Rest," and "Independetia" were performed. It is an interesting footnote that Hall's funeral march would be played for years to come at the death of presidents and important leaders.

The U.S. Navy Band played "March Funebre" at President John F. Kennedy's funeral in 1963.

In a bizarre turn of events, Hall's estranged wife inherited much of his musical output. Many of Hall's unpublished marches were crammed in an old rain barrel. This was a musical goldmine. Publisher's pieced together Hall's fragmented manuscripts and assembled books of his marches in versions for band and orchestra. In death, R. B. Hall began to receive the recognition he deserved in life.

Hall's output of marches with a fraternal connotation is impressive. Some of his noteworthy selections include the following:

"The Redmen's March" (1883): dedicated to the Improved Order of Red Men

"Dallas March": dedicated to Dallas Lodge I.O.O.F. in Dallastown, Pennsylvania. It includes favorite lodge song, "Annie Laurie."

"Chilcothian March": dedicated to the Chilcothians, a female drill team in Bangor, Maine. The group was founded by Dr. Langdon S. Chillcott, who wrote *Templar Tactics and Manual*.

"Canabas March": dedicated to the Canabas Club in Waterville, Maine. This was an elite social club and the composer was a member.

"Fort Popham March" (1884): written for a Knights of Pythias excursion to Fort Popham, located at the mouth of the Kennebec River, Phippsburg, Maine.

"Independentia" (1895): written for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Hall's band appeared at many Odd Fellow functions.

"Canton Halifax March": written for the Canton Halifax Lodge Patriarchs Militants (uniformed

branch of the Odd Fellows).

"Hamiltonian March": The origins are unknown. It likely was composed for the Hamilton Lodge, American Order of Workmen, in Oakland, Maine.

"The Exalted Ruler": composed for the new Elk's Lodge in Waterville, Maine, in March of 1905. Hall suffered another stroke during the band rehearsal of this march and was unable to conduct the premier scheduled for the following day.

"Philo Senate March": dedicated to Philo Senate No. 331 in Waterville, Maine.

"The Tenth Regiment March": Oddly, this march, named for Hall's band in Albany, was premiered by his Waterville Military Band in manuscript at the Odd Fellows' Convention in Boston in 1894. The march was an instant "hit." The march was also a great favorite in Europe under the more audacious title, "Death and Glory."

"De Molay Commandery": Knights Templar march of unknown origin. There is an undated edition of the piece published in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. There is also an old 78-rpm recording of the march by the Naval Reserve Band.

"Dunlap Commandery": This march was dedicated to Dunlap Commandery; Knights Templar, in Bath, Maine. The march was used on an excursion by the Commandery to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on June 24, 1893. Hall's Band is known to have played for many Knights Templar functions in Bath. Dunlap Commandery is also known to have had a fine band. In 1961 the Dunlap Commandery Band merged with the Bath Marine Band and the Bath Elks' Band to form the Bath Municipal Band, which is still an active organization.



*Post Script:* Robert Browne Hall continues to gain recognition for his contributions to American music. On May 11, 1981, Maine Governor Joseph Brennan signed legislation to establish R. B. Hall Day in the state of Maine. The law states:

"The last Saturday in June of each year shall be designated as R. B. Hall Day and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation inviting and urging people of the State to observe the day with appropriate ceremony and activity. R. B. Hall Day shall commemorate and honor R. B. Hall, an internationally recognized composer. Recognized primarily as a composer of marches, he was an accomplished conductor and cornet soloist, whose creative talent and native ability marked him as one of Maine's outstanding citizens."

18 years later on Memorial Day 1999, band buff and Sir Knight Duncan Webster was walking the Evergreen Cemetery in Richmond, Maine, and noticed that R. B. Hall's grave was becoming worn and in a state of decay. Saddened to see the grave of a great artist in such state, he vowed to restore the gravestone to its original beauty. He received funding from the nearby Hallowell Community Band, and the project was completed on July 7 of the same year. The headstone is very simple except for the etching of an old-fashioned "shepherd's crook" cornet near the top, a fitting tribute to "New England's March King."

*R. B. Hall notes: Hall biography found in "March Music Notes" by Norman E. Smith is a good source of general information concerning the composer. More detail can be found in the R. B. Hall web site and web site of Duncan Webster. Sir*

*Knight Webster is a fine gentleman to correspond with and also is a member of the Portland (Maine) Commandery Band. Arrangements of "Dunlap Commandery" and "DeMolay Commandery" were graciously obtained from the private music library of Doug McLeod. Doug is considered by many to be the greatest bass drum/cymbal player in the world, having played for years with the famous Detroit Concert Band.*

Sir Knight Peter H. Johnson, Jr., KYGCH, is a Past Grand Commander of Arizona. He has been a public school music teacher at all levels for over 30 years. He enjoys researching Masonic related music topics and also performs with the Northland Pioneer College Symphonic Band, the Windjammers Circus Concert Band, and the United Methodist Church choir in Holbrook. He has composed several marches for band. He resides at 1524 Smith Drive, Holbrook, AZ 86025.

**See scores on next page**



Restored headstone of R. B. Hall,  
fraternal friend

1st B♭ CORNET March "De Molay" Commandery:

R. H. HALL.

The image displays a page of a musical score for 'The Merry Widow' by Franz Lehár, specifically the 'Waltz of the Flowers' section. The score is written for a piano and includes a 'TRIO' section. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. Dynamic markings such as 'ff' (fortissimo) and 'p' (piano) are used throughout. The score includes first and second endings for several sections, indicated by '1.' and '2.' above the staff. The 'TRIO' section begins with a 'p' marking. The score is presented in a clear, legible format with standard musical notation.

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## **Sir Knights from Miami Commandery No. 13 Lead the Annual Homestead, Florida Rodeo Parade**

In the picture are Commander John I. Hendricks, Jr. (center), and Sir Knights Leroy E. Fackler, Gregory Dalton, Frank J. Busbey, Quentin Ciceron, Lemuel Williams, and Daniel Newton of Miami Commandery No. 13 of Miami, Florida, leading the Annual Homestead, Florida Rodeo Parade as parade color guard. This is an annual event and Miami Commandery has had the honor of serving in this capacity for more than 28 years. The parade is made up of most of the Mahi Shrine units, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, public school marching bands, and many other civic organizations. (submitted by Sir Knight George A. Chipouras, P.G.C. of Florida)



## **Pennsylvania 200-Year Anniversary Stein to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**



This stein was manufactured in Germany by the fourth cousin of the Mettloch family. It is white ceramic, 8 and 1/2 inches tall with pewter insert lid and with eight different colors and six blended colors. On one side of the stein are two crusader knights from the early 1100s, and on the center of the stein is the national symbol, the American bald eagle, with the Pennsylvania keystone. On the other side of the stein are three Sir Knights; one of the Sir Knights is being installed into his office. The stein has two American flags from the periods 1797 and 1997. On the bottom of the stein are the nine beautiful battle shields for the nine crusaders who founded Knights Templar. The price of the stein is \$58.00. Order by making check or money order payable to: Elizabeth Buz. Send to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.



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)

## Sale of Certificate to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The certificate at right is 11 by 14-inch parchment paper. There are four colors printed on it, and it has a goat archway. There is a Knights Templar poem and six shadow figures. The cost is \$7.00 each payable to: Sandra D. Knotts, PO Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## How Will You Pay for Expenses That Medicare Doesn't Cover?

You owe it to yourself to find out about the Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance designed for Sir Knights and their ladies.

With the high cost of health care today, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance Program is becoming a necessity for more and more of us. That's why it is good to know that you now have a choice of Medicare Supplement coverage under our plan at very affordable rates.

Under the Knights Templar Medicare

Supplement Plan, you will benefit in many ways: You have the freedom of choosing your own doctors and hospitals, there are no health questions or medical exams to qualify; there is no waiting period for pre-existing conditions if you switch plans or are about to turn 65, and there is hassle-free claims processing in about 7 days!

To make sure you can pay for the expenses Medicare doesn't cover, call (800) 749-6983 for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan information and enrollment kit.



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

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

We are in dire need of a set of Triangle decanter and goblets for our Commandery. If you have a set not being used, would you consider donating them to our Commandery? We will gladly pay the postage. Thank you in advance. Lloyd E. Atterson, PC.; H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 67; Indianapolis; IN phone (317) 891-9148.

In a 2nd hand shop I found a Past Commander's jewel, which I would like to return to original Commandery, "Past Commander" is engraved on the 1st line, and the name "Raleigh H. Finch" is on the 2nd line of a bar from which the jewel is suspended. Contact Harry Rosenthal, 329 Braddock Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118-4613

For sale: Red, white, and blue "I GAVE" pin, a fund-raiser for the KTEF by the Grand Commandery of Minnesota: \$5.00 each including S & H. All proceeds to the KTEF. Checks payable to Minnesota Grand Commandery, and send to Allan Kauppi; 10508 Redwood Street, NW; Coon Rapids; MN 55433 Temple Commandery No. 41, Temple, Texas, celebrated its 100th anniversary in April 2004. Gold-look commemorative coins are being sold as a fundraiser for the Commandery. The face has a Sir Knight, dates, and name of the Commandery. Back side has cross and crown. \$10.00 each with a portion to the KTEF. Checks or MOs to Temple Commandery No. 41. Mail to C. O. Jones, 2204 Patriot Drive, Lago Vista, TX 78645, (512) 267-1388

For sale: gold-finish sword lapel pins: men's pin: 1 and 1 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. 10% to KTEE 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; Emeritus ranks: Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (red): \$45; Honorary Past Commander with H.C. at foot of cross, \$50; Grand Commandery, Grand Rep., \$50, Past Grand Commander (purple): \$60; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$95. Also: chapeaux nooses w/Velcro back Sir Knight, \$35; Past Commander, \$40; Grand Commandery (red), \$50; Past Grand Commander (purple),

\$55; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$75. Embroidered bullion sleeve crosses (pair), Velcro back Sir Knight, \$35; PC., \$40; Grand Commandery, \$45; P.G.C. (purple), \$60; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$75. Metal lapel crosses (pair): Sir Knight or PC., \$40; Grand Commandery, \$45. Embroidered bullion cap nooses: silver, Sir Knight, \$40; PC., gold, \$45. Metal cap nooses: silver, \$32; gold, \$38; Past Commander's jewel, gold plate, \$45. 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., PC.; 60 Manor Rd, 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.

Sword slings available in 2-inch or 1-inch wide, white or black nylon straps with black, fine grade leather sword holder and with heavy duty black clips. They are adjustable to fit all sizes- \$19.00 each plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. For further details or brochure, write Tern Starnes, 3357 River Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044-5537, (678) 923-6776 or e-mail tonawsta@bellsouth.net. Checks to KT Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.

The Chapeau Shop produce new, refurbishes older chapeaux, and switches chapeaux from silver to gold and back We also supply sleeve nooses, buttons, slings, new belts, supply shoulder beards and vine and berry for past Grand Commanders' chapeaux and fatigue cape. We can supply new plumes of all ply thicknesses, widths and frogs for St Thomas of Ann. Day phone (419)422-8181; fax (419)422-8190; alternate phone and fax (419) 422-0139; Owner and operator; David J. Roth, PC.

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

For Sale: Middle Georgia Chapter No. 165, RAM., the first R.A.M. Chapter to be chartered in Georgia in 25 years, is selling their newly minted mark/penny for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00, postpaid. Each coin is accompanied with a certificate of authenticity. Checks or MOs to Middle Georgia York Rite Bodies; Charles E. Smith, Chairman; 6559 Cypress Drive; Eastman; GA 31023; e-mail chuck.e.smith@us.army.mil

Fund-raiser for Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association, District 82, Grand Lodge of Texas: copper horseshoe with square and compass on a lapel pin for \$5.00 each, pp. 10% of proceeds to KTEF. Checks payable to

MW & S Assoc., Dist. 82 and send requests to Neel A Wright, 1211 E. 43rd, Odessa, TX 79762, (432) 366-3806.

Fund-raiser: Lodge auto tags with blue vinyl letters on white, 6 x12-inch aluminum include lodge name and number, square and compass, F & AM (AF & AM, AAFM, etc.). City and state: \$8.00 each - minimum order of 5. One free tag with each 10 ordered. Shipping for 5 is \$5.00, 10 is \$7.00, 20 is \$10.00 to same address in US. 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

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 Past Master or Shrine decals to fit on your taillights, only \$5.00 per set of 2, postpaid. Also, black vinyl square and compass decals, 3/4 by 3/4 inch, designed to place on the photo or list of your Past Masters who have gone on to that Celestial Lodge Above. 10 decals for only \$5.00, postpaid. All profits go to our Masonic Widows' fund. Joe Allen, PM., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; PO Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014.

Cochran Lodge No. 217, F & AM., Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project in addition to the Masonic square and compass jewelry boxes, we are now offering 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. All profits go directly to Masonic charity with a portion going directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund and the rest to the charity work of the Lodge. Either the Shrine or Masonic square and compass box is \$20.00 each, plus \$6.00 S & H. Chock 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; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigfoot.com

2008-200th anniversary of Masonry in Ohio: Now, you can help insure that this celebration will be a great success by purchasing a beautiful 200-piece jigsaw puzzle depicting Brother George Washington opening his lodge in 1788. This 16 x22-inch art reproduction is an exact copy of the painting that hangs in many Ohio lodges. Help us get ready for the 2008 bicentennial, and own a real piece of Masonic history: price \$15.00 plus \$3.00 S & H. Each puzzle is packaged in a round, airtight can. To order call (614) 855-1401, or send payment and request to P Pat Davis, 8359 Morse Road, New Albany, OH 43054; online at [www.ppdavis@earthlink.net](mailto:www.ppdavis@earthlink.net) Proceeds to benefit the 2008 Bicentennial Fund.

Planning a Rusty Nail Degree? We have pins and certificates available at \$35.00 per unit. (A unit consists of 5 pins and 5 certificates, S & H included.) Please include your lodge name and number with your order if you wish to have them printed on your certificates. Make check out to Thm A. Stevens, 5 Old Duxbury Court, Fairfield, OH 45014. Phone (513) 942-2490; fax (513) 272-2830. Proceeds go to the John Hayes Gerard Masonic Scholarship Fund and 10% to KTEF.

Sprig of Acacia pin: each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24K gold vermeil; it will make a nice gift for the newly raised Brother; price is \$10.00 each, including S & H. Also available is the four immortal chaplains lapel pin, a beautiful pin honoring the chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving up their lifejackets in order to save the lives of others. The price per pin is \$8.00 ea. including S & H 10% to KTEF. New item: Sept. 11 Memorial Masonic lapel pin, \$8.00 each, including S & H - to commemorate members who lost their lives in terrorist attack - proceeds to KTEF. S. Kenneth Bard, 6809 Main Street, Apt. 2 West, Cincinnati, OH 45244-3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (513) 272-2830.

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

obtained by contacting Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., P.O. Box 9759,3011 Old Dumbarton Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-0759,(804) 262-6551. The price is \$16.95 plus S & H. Author's portion of profits donated to KTEE

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: hardbound book on Masonry, A Survey of the History and Mysteries of Freemasonry (revised-2nd printing). The book is 322 pages, indexed, contains a bibliography of 99 sources, and makes liberal use of footnotes. It also contains a 114-page glossary of Masonic words and terms. Written, published, and financed by Robert L. Breeding; it can be obtained from him only. Price is \$22.95 including postage and handling. % to KTEF. Check or MO to Robert L. Breeding at 405 Ascot Court, Knoxville, TN 37923-5807. E-mail [breeding6905@bellsouth.net](mailto:breeding6905@bellsouth.net) Telephone (865) 539-9932 or (865) 599-6335

For sale: Past Master's ring: like new, solid inside, broad at top, 14K, approx. 1/3rd carat diamond. Has Scottish Rite double eagle on one side, Shrine on other. Appraised at \$1,000; asking \$800. Bud Ayres, PO Box 1949, Odessa, TX 79760, (432) 337-3157

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

For sale: Dudley pocket watch, 14K white gold case 19J, ser: 1376—\$4,500.00. William J. Berry, 336 Partridge Avenue, Paso Robles, CA 93446-4017, (805) 227-0494.

For sale: custom designed commemorative Masonic merchandise. Be the envy of every Mason when you choose from a wide variety of custom imprinted commemorative favorites such as: belt buckles, coins, lapel pins, tie bars, pins and clips, money clips, key chains, coffee mugs, medals and medallions, embroidered patches, Masonic stationery and envelopes, pens and pencils, car emblems, letter openers, rulers, full color photo business cards, and much more. For quote info: Frank Looser, 408 Ashlar, Nashville, TN 37211, (800) 765-1728 or e-mail [fhf@comcast.net](mailto:fhf@comcast.net) % to KTEF. 100% satisfaction guaranteed or money back.

For sale: A Chicago Firehouse: Stories of Wrigleyville's Engine 78, about Chicago firehouse across from Wrigley Field, where author's dad served for 1st 14 years of his 30-year career. Included are photos of firehouse and surrounding area, behind the scenes stories of Chicago fires, a virtual history lesson of the Chicago fire dept., and much more. Write for more info or get your autographed copy by remitting \$23.49 each (\$46.50 for 2 or \$69.00 for 3) to Karen Kruse. Send to her at 10479 Dew-love Road, 1 B, Glenview, IL 60025. To learn more [www.achicagofirehouse.com](http://www.achicagofirehouse.com)

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

Being a child in WWII and with my dad and 4 uncles in the service, I started collecting military pins, patches, and any items that I could find. I also collect copies of discharge/separation papers of any vets. I would appreciate any that you have for my collection. Paul N. Claus, PO Box 50, Indianola, PA 15051.

## Friendship

Friendship is a handclasp,  
Warm and sincere,  
A smile that says plainly,  
"I'm glad that you're here!"  
It's knowing there's someone  
Who's always true-blue,  
No matter what others  
May say about you.

Friendship is sharing  
The good and the bad.  
It's laughing together  
When life's bright and glad.  
Sometimes it's sharing  
Our hurts and our fears,  
Sharing a prayer,  
And sharing our tears.

Friendship is giving  
Our heart-gifts away.  
It's helping another  
And wanting no pay.  
It's giving a compliment,  
Encouragement, too,  
Making the sky  
A little more blue.  
More precious than mountains  
Of silver and gold,  
Friendship is a gift  
That brings blessings untold!

*Kay Hoffman*