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The above picture was taken Easter weekend in Washington, D.C., during the events surrounding the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service. Pictured are seven R.E. Department Commanders and their ladies (seated) with Grand Master Kenneth Bernard Fischer and his wife Arlene. Left to right are: Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr., Northeastern—South, and Sharon; Glenn A. Siron, Northwestern, and Ethel; Sid C. Dorris III, Southeastern, and Sherry; Dr. James N. Karnegis, North Central, and Jeanne; Clifford L. Duncan, South Central, and Nelcean; Kenneth B. Fischer, M.E.G.M., and Arlene; Steven J. Barton, East Central, and Sherry; and Robert P. Winterhalter, Northeastern—North, and Cynthia.

Grand Master's Message for June 2005

My message for this month is one that is difficult to write, but I must do so.

In a recent issue of this magazine, an article appeared which offended some of our members, and for that I am sorry. The article contained some information which was not true and was political in nature.

Traditionally, Masonry does not discuss politics or religion, and I violated that tradition by allowing the article to be published.

To all Sir Knights, I apologize and ask that you forgive this act on my part. This will not happen again during this triennium.

In preparation for July and our nation's birthday, I trust that you will remember our Armed Forces, wherever they may be, and honor them at every opportunity.

I hope that you all will have a very pleasant summer, and I hope to see you somewhere along the way.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth B. Fischer". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT

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

JUNE: 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 letters from KTEF recipients. As usual, comprehensive coverage of the Campaign will run in the July 2005 issue. Inspiring articles concerning the events surrounding and including the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2005, begin on page 9 with a general summary of the activities, moving on to the Message delivered at the service on page 10, and concluding with highlights of the Easter weekend in pictures, starting on page 13. Enjoy a summary of the life of Brother and General Matthew B. Ridgway, who earned fame at the time of the Korean War and later. It starts on page 21. Also, enjoy a story of Brother Aaron Ogden, patriot of the Revolution and statesman. In addition, you'll find a multitude of interesting news items in this issue!

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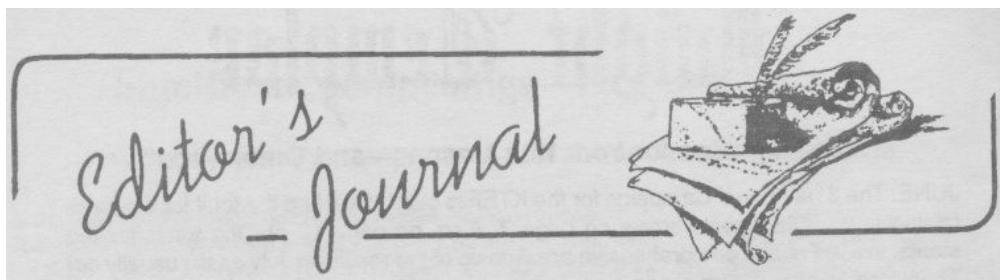
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing you concerning recent eye surgery I just had completed at Premire Eye Center in Mobile, Alabama. I want to express my gratitude to you for the large part you played in making this possible for me.

Thanks to you and your organization, I have not only had my sight restored, but once again I have my life back for I am able to return to work.

All my prayers and best wishes go out to each and every one of you who made this possible. May God richly bless you in all that you do!

Forever in your debt,
Harold J. Greer

More words of gratitude...

After my first surgery, my vision improved so much that I could see clearly some things that I had not seen in a very long time. After the second surgery, I can truly say that I saw the world through new eyes!

This was all made possible due to your generous support, kindness, and concern for others, plus the expert skills of Doctor Rothstein and his staff. May I say: "Thank you, thank you!" You have truly made a difference in my life. I am now, and always will be, grateful to you. If at any time in the future I am financially able, I will return my blessing to you, so that you can continue to help some other needy person. I will always remember you in my prayers. God bless you!

Vioria P. Coleman
Parsons, Kansas

You have been such a blessing to me; God has really used you in my life.

Right away after my surgery, I could see colors, people, and brightness. I pray God's very special blessing for the Knights Templar and the Eye Foundation.

*Sandra Nail
Youngstown, Ohio*

Words cannot express our family's gratitude; we thank you for the gift of sight and for increasing our faith in the inherent goodness of mankind.

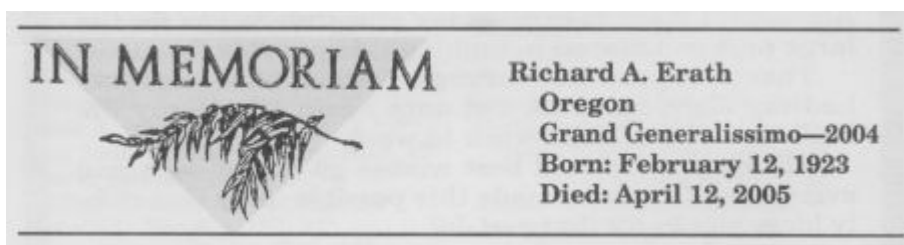
*Andrew Springstead and family
St. Petersburg, Florida*

I want to thank the Foundation for making it possible for me to have eye surgery, and I want to let you know that it was very successful, and I have now gotten my glasses. May God continue to bless you for all that you do for those who are less fortunate.

*Alice R. Molina Roswell
New Mexico*

Thank you for paying for my eye surgery. Without you I couldn't have had it. My vision is improving every day. Thank you for everything; you are very special people.

*Bertha Saucedo
Harlingen, Texas*



The Upper Room

Last night I climbed the stairs again, but this time I encountered
an altogether different friend.

I raced off to the Temple gate, and there I met a familiar face.

'Twas the tyler at his station, making sure who had a proper invitation.

I passed the test once again, and he commanded that I enter in.

Upon my entrance into the inner chamber, the deacons echoed "There is no danger!

'Tis a brother of the past for whom the sands of time have now past."

Though the hour glass never lingers, it teaches man the shortness

of life on earth starts at the beginning with his birth.

Once within the Temple yard, the warden cries aloud: "Another

brother of the craft has made the journey, alas!

I look around from face to face and feel the presence of His eternal grace.

A voice I hear within says: "A job well done thy true and faithful servant.

Today you shall labor no more; rejoice in Heaven forevermore.

So Mote It Be.

The poet, Sir Knight Victor I Frantz II, 32°, is a member of Coleman Commandery No. 17, Troy, Ohio. He resides at 1736 Ravenwood Avenue, Dayton, OH 45406

Easter Sunrise Service Revisited-2005

by Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, P.D.C.
Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment

The Grand Encampment again sponsored the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 27. It was another great time of friendship, Templar fellowship, and Christian renewal for the approximately 900 Sir Knights and ladies who participated.

The Hotel Washington was the headquarters hotel, and as always, they treated us royally. Many thanks are extended to Wally Harb, general manager, and to his managers and staff for the great service that they always provide.

The Sir Knights and ladies begin arriving in D.C. midweek. Some come early to sightsee, others to visit friends and family, while others just arrive early to enjoy the fellowship with the other attendees. Some Grand Commanderies have special events such as theater trips or banquets, while others roam Washington on their own. Of course, no matter what else you do, there is always the lobby of the Hotel Washington in which to rekindle old friendships and cultivate new ones.

On Saturday morning three busses filled with Sir Knights and ladies went to Arlington National Cemetery to witness a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns, under the sponsorship of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. Our Most Eminent Grand Master

assisted the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Indiana with the wreath-laying.

Saturday noon brought our lunch honoring all of the Grand Commanders in attendance. We were pleased to receive approximately 17 Grand Commanders. This was also the perfect time for the over 280 people in attendance to speak with the Grand Master, *officers* of the Grand Encampment, and other Sir Knights and ladies.

Easter morning brought the early morning coffee and donuts as well as the bus ride to the Memorial for the service. Due to uncertain weather, the Grand Master decided to have the service inside but to march up Shooter's Hill, if the weather permitted. It did, and we had about 500 Sir Knights march up the hill and into the auditorium. It was a sight to behold!

A very inspirational service was conducted with the highlights being "The Lord's Prayer," sung by Sir Knight Bruce Pruitt, P.D.C., Southwestern, and a moving message from Sir Knight and Reverend Robert J. Cave, P.G.C., NY and Chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities. Sir Knight Cave filled in at the last minute as our two Grand Prelates were ill. We thank Sir Knights Pruitt and Cave for adding so much to our service. (Please see Sir Knight Cave's message starting on page 10 in this edition.)

On a very sad note, we must announce the passing of Sir Knight Robert V. Hines, P.G.C., DC, and General Chairman of the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, and Chairman of the Committee on the George Washington Memorial Knights Templar Chapel. Sir Knight Bob and Lady Sue devoted countless hours over the years to see that this service was always a success. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lady Sue and the family.

We wish to thank all those who have worked on this service over the years with Sir Knight Hines, and who, with his illness, assumed the leadership to ensure another outstanding Easter Sunrise Memorial

Service for all who made the journey to Washington. We greatly appreciate your efforts.

As you can see, Easter in Washington/Alexandria with your fellow Sir Knights and ladies has many things to offer. Why not make your plans now to join us for Easter 2006? Your presence will make it an even greater success! See you next year!!!

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Easter Message-2005

by Sir Knight and Reverend Robert J. Cave, P.G.C.

Chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities of the Grand Encampment

Sir Knight and Reverend Robert J. Cave, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, presented the message below at the 75th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 27, 2005.

A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master, Kenneth B. Fischer, to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at the traditional Easter Service. For those who were unable to attend the Easter ceremony in Alexandria or who wish to read the message in addition to being there, here we share it with you.

Sir Knight Cave resides at 137 Glen Drive, Ridge, NY 11961

"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay."
(Matthew 28: 5-6)

The Grand Reversal

It was on the first Easter Sunday some 2,000 years ago that the events of the Grand Reversal began to unfold. Scripture tells us that the

women, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary who had stayed with Jesus throughout the crucifixion, went with Joseph of Arimathea to the tomb after Jesus was taken down from the cross. They wanted to see where Jesus was buried. Joseph placed Jesus in clean linen and then placed his body in the tomb. The stone was then rolled in front of the tomb, and they left. But early on Sunday morning, the women made their way again to the tomb to see once more where Jesus lay, and here is where the events of the Grand Reversal began to take place, the events that would change their lives for-ever - the event that would change the world and especially all who are Disciples of Christ and soldiers of the cross for all time to come.

The first part of the Grand Reversal is that the women discovered that God was still in control in spite of the appearance just the day before that evil had won. It had seemed that evil had won and was victorious, but when the women arrived at the tomb, it was obvious that God was the victor and that God was in control. We are told that, while the women were on the way to the tomb, there was an earthquake and an angel appeared and rolled away the stone that covered the entrance to the tomb. The tomb was empty. Christ arose! God had won. God had the last word. It was not Pilate, nor Rome, nor evil, that had won, but it was God.

We look at the events of our time, and we seem to think that the forces of evil and of nature are running the world. We see thousands of people killed by the destructive forces of an earthquake and the resultant floods in the area of the Indian Ocean. More hundreds of thousands are homeless as a result of the same tragedy. Skyscrapers topple because of terrorists. All that seems pure and good in our heritage is becoming vulgar and crass. And people ask, "Where is God?" But we who are Resurrection People, Disciples of Christ, can say with confidence, "In spite of appearances, God is in control, and the victory over alien forces is assured." Yes, that Easter Morning the women observed the Grand Reversal. Evil did not win. God won. And that leads us to the second aspect of the Grand Reversal.

The women discovered that in spite of Jesus' death on Friday, when it appeared that death was victorious, it was now obvious that death itself was defeated and that God had overcome death. Scripture informs us that the angel who rolled away the stone from the tomb told the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen as He said. Come **see** the place where the Lord lay." (Matthew 28: 5-6) The angel showed the women the empty tomb, and the women remembered Jesus' teachings, but above all they believed that God had raised Jesus to new life just as the angel told them.

Some time ago a letter was written by a department of social services to a dead person. The letter read, "Your food stamps will be stopped effective immediately because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

This kind of reversal of circumstance could apply to only one person in history that I can think of, and that is Christ. The women now believed in their hearts that Jesus, who was dead, was now the risen Christ. What a Grand Reversal!

That is the belief that we must allow to enter our lives and hearts this morning. To believe this will give us the assurance that we too will inherit eternal life through Christ.

When I leave Washington later this morning, it had been my intention not to drive north to New York, where I live, but to drive south to Florida to see an older man who was the lay leader of the church I served for the last twenty years before I retired. He and his whole family are what I call Easter People, Resurrection People. My friend is nearing the end of his earthly life because of illness. I would have been visiting him for the last time. I would not have given him spiritual comfort for he would have given me more spiritual inspiration than what I would have given him. You see, neither he nor his family is afraid of death because they believe in their hearts that Christ has defeated death. They are Easter People. They believe in the promise of Easter.

The women at the tomb believed it because they discovered that Christ arose and was alive. They were witnesses to the Grand Reversal. Death had been defeated. Christ arose. And here is the final aspect of the Grand Reversal.

The women's despair and sadness turned to hope and joy. We can only imagine the heartache, sorrow, despair, and hopelessness that the women and all the Disciples felt on Friday and Saturday. However, the angel told Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to "Go and tell His Disciples that Jesus has been raised from the dead," (Matthew 28: 7) and as the women raced out of the cemetery they encountered the Risen Lord. Jesus spoke Mary's name. This must have been the happiest reunion ever experienced in history. Then we see the change that came over the women and the Disciples later. They went from fearful to fearless. They went from timid to terrific. They became dynamic in their life and faith. It was a Grand Reversal!

There are times when we allow sadness, heartache, sorrow, hopelessness, and despair to control our lives as the women and Disciples had. But maybe Jesus is calling our names as he did Mary and the others some two thousand years ago. And this Sunday, more than any other Sunday, we have the opportunity to celebrate new possibilities in life. We can become Resurrection People, Easter People, as they did on that first Easter morning, and we can become fearless, dynamic, and terrific in our life and faith. We can become victorious. The great hymn "Because He lives" captures this transition. "God sent His son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive. He loved and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives." And then the refrain, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives."

What a Grand Reversal! It is what Easter is all about. God is in control, Christ lives, joy reigns, and hope lives on. Hallelujah, Christ the Lord is risen today.

Amen!

Highlights of the Easter Weekend—in Pictures



Left to right: the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, the banner of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the USA, altar at Memorial auditorium.



Left: Grand Encampment wreath at the altar in Memorial auditorium. Right: Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer and Lady Arlene at the Saturday luncheon honoring the Grand Commanders.



Left: G.M. Kenneth Fischer leads the march up Shooter's Hill. Behind him is David D. Goodwin, R.E.G.C.G. Right: G.M. Kenneth Fischer, right, and Ronald A. Sharp, G.M.'s Banner Bearer.



Left: Sir Knight W. Bruce Pruitt, middle, sings "The Lord's Prayer." Right: Rev. and Sir Knight Robert J. Cave, middle, presents the Easter Sunrise Memorial Message.



Most of the pictures were provided by Sir Knight Daryl W. Selock, who can be contacted at the KTEF offices in Schaumburg, Illinois. Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, G.C. of Texas, helped with the captions and provided the Texas delegation picture. He can be contacted at the Grand Encampment office in Chicago, Illinois.

Above are Sir Knights from 3 Grand Commanderies: top, Ohio; middle, Massachusetts/Rhode Island; and directly above, Michigan.

TEXAS DELEGATION EASTER 2005



Above is Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer with the Texas delegation at the Easter weekend festivities: Seated, left to right, are: E.G. Sentinel H. Bart Henderson; Mrs. Linda Henderson; Mrs. Arlene Fischer; M.E. Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer; then R.E.

Grand Commander of Texas, James N. Higdon; Mrs. Judy Tucker; and then V.E. Deputy Grand Commander, Lawrence E. Tucker. Standing, left to right, are: Aide to the M.E.G.M., Dozier P. Gossett, and the Grand Master's Banner Bearer, Ronald A. Sharp. At left above is Sir Knight Ronald A. Sharp with the G.M.'s banner.

Recipients Of The Grand Encampment Membership Jewel

517. Billy Wilson Canupp, Jr., Malta Commandery No. 19, Monroe, NC. 1-12-2005.
518. Douglas B. Whyte, Reed Commandery No. 6, Dayton, OH. 2-1-2005.
519. William F. Fink, Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 2, Arabi, LA. 2-17-2005.
520. Thomas Eugene McConnell, Sr., Greenville Commandery No. 4, Greenville, SC. 3-1-2005. (jewel and 2 bronze clusters)
521. Thomas R. Spettel, Reed Commandery No. 6, Dayton, OH. 3-7-2005.
522. John Woodfin Grady III, Greenville Commandery No. 4, Greenville, SC. 3-8-2005.
523. Richard Lawson Gould, Plateau Commandery No. 38, Crossville, TN. 4-5-2005.
524. David M. Dryer, Temple Commandery No. 4, Des Moines, LA. 5-9-2005. (jewel and 4 bronze clusters)
525. Michael A. Moxley, Trinity Commandery No. 62, Indianapolis, IN. 5-10-2005.
526. Onie Weaver, Silsbee Commandery No. 112, Kirbyville, TX. 5-11-2005.



The following was taken from the Grand Encampment's *Masonic America*, Volume I, and will be completed in the July 2005 issue...

Clinton's Ditch...

America's First Freeway

by Warren H. Deck

New York State owes its position of leadership in trade and industry to the stimulation provided by the opening of the Erie Canal on October 26, 1825. During its first half century, the canal provided a self-supporting water route for the cheap transportation of goods from and to the central and western part of the state and for trade with the Midwest. In 1882 tolls on the Erie were abolished, and the canal became the nation's first freeway.

During its construction between 1817 and 1825, skeptics called the canal "Clinton's Ditch" after DeWitt Clinton, president of the canal commissioners appointed in 1816 by the Legislature. The commissioners were charged: "to consider, devise, and adopt such measure as may or shall be requisite to facilitate and effect the communication by canals and locks between the navigable waters of Hudson's river and Lake Erie and the said navigable waters and Lake Champlain."

When the canal opened, Clinton had served as Governor of New York all but two of the construction years. He boarded the *Seneca Chief* at Buffalo to lead a triumphant procession of canal boats the length of the canal and down the Hudson River to New York. The opening was heralded by cannons placed every few miles along the banks. These were fired successively to send the news ahead of the four-miles-per-hour flotilla, which took until November 4 to reach New York. Then Governor Clinton emptied into New York harbor the keg of Lake Erie water which he had brought from Buffalo to signify the consummation of "the wedding of the waters."

Compared to modern standards, the four-foot depth and 28-foot width at the bottom of the original Erie Canal seems inadequate, yet it was hailed as the "Eighth Wonder of the World." It was further lauded in a contemporary *Narrative of the Festivities in Honor of the Completion of the Canal* in these words: "...the authors and builders of the Erie have built the longest canal, in the least time, with the least experience, for the least money, and to the greatest public benefit."

Agitation Started in 1700

As early as 1700, Richard Coote, Governor of the Province of New York, instructed His Majesty's Chief Engineer in America, Colonel Romer, to observe during his visit to the Iroquois whether portages could be shortened by clearing creeks to make them navigable for boats and canoes.

After the French and Indian War, some improvements were made in the Mohawk River, Wood Creek, and Oneida Lake areas. In 1768 Governor Sir Henry Moore's recommendation to the General Assembly for improving the Mohawk River between Schenectady and Fort Stanwix fell upon deaf ears.

In 1784 the New York State Legislature commended Christopher Colles for his plans for removing obstructions to navigation from the Mohawk River but deemed the expenditure of public money inexpedient. In a change of heart in 1785, the Legislature appropriated \$125 to implement Colles' plan.

General Philip Schuler formed the Western Inland Navigation Company in 1792, which actually started construction under a charter to open navigation from the Hudson River to Seneca Lake and Lake Ontario. By 1796 when the company obtained a \$15,000 loan from New York State, they had completed locks around Little Falls on the Mohawk, opening a route for boats from Schenectady to Little Falls.

First Survey for Canal

DeWitt Clinton's support of the canal project was enlisted in 1810 when, as State Senator, he seconded the resolution offered by Jonas Platt for the creation of a commission to examine the whole route from the Hudson River to Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. Seven commissioners were named and were allowed \$3,000 for their expenses. The Board of Canal Commissioners began their trip on July 3. The examination of the route, which is recorded day by day in Clinton's private journal, was finally concluded with Clinton's return to New York City on August 23.

The Legislature took no action in 1811 on the favorable report of the commission, and the outbreak of the War of 1812 the following year resulted in the postponement of the canal project.

Clinton's Speaking Tour

In 1815 out of public office for the first time since 1797, Clinton made a speaking tour in support of the canal. Starting in Buffalo, he traversed the course the canal would take across the breadth of the state and drew up in 1816 a formal presentation to the Legislature in favor of the construction of the canal. As a result, previous schemes were abandoned, and the Erie Canal became the favorite in public and legislative considerations.

In April 1816 the Legislature passed a bill creating a board of canal commissioners. Clinton was elected president; Samuel Young, secretary and Myron Holley, treasurer.

Construction Took Eight Years

Construction of the canal began July 4, 1817, and culminated in the canal's opening, October 26, 1825. Clinton was elected governor in 1817; reelected in 1820; and, after a period out of office from 1822 to 1824, was reelected in 1824 and 1826. In his annual message to the Legislature in 1826, Governor Clinton reported the canal had been completed at a total cost, exclusive of interest on loans, of \$9,130,373.80. This was the project which President Thomas Jefferson in denying it Federal support in 1809 had characterized as: "...100 years premature and completely impractical."

"America's First Freeway" will be completed in the July 2005 issue.

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

Thank You!

Thank you to all the Sir Knights and ladies from around the country for all the cards, prayers, and good wishes that have been sent our way. They are very much appreciated.

**Sir Knight Doug Johnson
Past Department Commander
Northwestern Department and Nancy**

Tyler Sword Presentation in Ohio



Left to right: Phil Stickel, Ralph R. McCoy, Brother James M. McCoy; and Johnathan Christman

Worshipful Brother Ralph R. McCoy, Past Master of Monroe Lodge No. 189, Woodsfield, Ohio, and now of Greenville Lodge No. 143, Greenville, Ohio, presented his father's sword to be utilized as a symbolic Tyler's sword at the entrance to the Greenville lodge room. Worshipful Brother Ralph's father was Sir Knight Ralph J. McCoy, Mount Vernon Commandery No. 41, Columbus, Ohio.

All the following were raised in Magnolia Lodge No. 20, Columbus, Ohio: W.B. Ralph; his blood brother, W.B. Thomas H. McCoy, P.M. of Philo Lodge No. 243, South River, NJ, and now a member of Shallotte Lodge No. 727, Shallotte, NC; their father, Brother Ralph J. McCoy; their grandfather, and their uncle, Ill. Brother Emery Bender, 33^o.

Pictured with W.B. Ralph R. McCoy and accepting the sword for the Lodge are Sir Knight and W.B. Johnathan Christman and Senior Warden Phil Stickel, who made the beautiful plaque.

Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

Grand Rapids will be the site of this year's annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. More than 2,000 33° Masons and their ladies from 15 northeastern states are expected at the meeting on August 28-31, 2005. The Supreme Council last met in Grand Rapids in 1997.

The 2005 Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the organization's 33° upon 243 Scottish Rite Masons, who were elected for this high honor at last year's meeting in Milwaukee. The 33° is awarded for outstanding achievement in the fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 30, in DeVos Hall.

Introductory luncheons honoring the 33° candidates and their ladies will be on the schedule for Sunday noon. DeVos Hall will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service.

Earlier business conferences attended by the officers of the Supreme Council will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 26-27.

Sovereign Grand Commander Walter E. Webber will preside over the General Sessions of the Supreme Council on Monday, August 29. In the course of these sessions, prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in the United States and throughout the world are expected to be in attendance.

A number of other events have been scheduled, including a Monday luncheon in DeVos Place for all ladies attending the Grand Rapids meeting. Mrs. Leslie Webber, wife of the Grand Commander, will preside over the luncheon and program. At the same time, another luncheon will be served for all Supreme Council members, distinguished guests, and members of the class in DeVos Place.

That evening, the Festival Orchestra conducted by John Varineau will perform in concert in DeVos Hall. During the week, special sightseeing tours will be available for those attending the meetings.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Marketplace will allow vendors to display Masonic-related items.

Seminars on Tuesday will provide an opportunity for those attending the session to learn more about the National Heritage Museum's collection and estate planning. Throughout the week there will be many smaller social functions occurring under the auspices of the 15 participating states and the 99 Valleys comprising the Northern Jurisdiction.

The 2005 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the 33° in Chicago in August 2006.

For more information: Supreme Council, 33°; P.O. Box 519; Lexington; MA 02420-0519; (781) 862-4410, ext. 3320.

Wisconsin's La Crosse Assembly No. 215, S.O.O.B., Holds Initiation

La Crosse Assembly No. 215, Social Order of the Beauceant of La Crosse, Wisconsin, was pleased to hold a special initiation on March 19 for Mrs. Marge Roycraft, Chippewa Falls; Mrs. Pam Catellier, Platteville; and Mrs. Sharon Handeland, Waukesha. The initiation of these ladies was held while La Crosse Commandery No. 9 was holding its annual homecoming and inspection. The new Beauceant members were introduced at the evening banquet and welcomed by all. The three new sisters are wives of Wisconsin Grand Commandery officers. La Crosse is the

only remaining Assembly in Wisconsin, and the members welcome these ladies into their Assembly. Left to right in front row are: Mary Callaway, Marjorie Bush, Pam Catellier, Marge Roycraft, Carol Dresser, Dorothy Wiedman, and Donna Hersch; back row: Nancy Van Zile, Marie Beissel, Sharon Handeland, Marion Baker, Hazel Tyler, and Norma Denny. (submitted by Mary Callaway)



News from Shreveport Assembly No. 60, S.O.O.B. in Shreveport, Louisiana



In December 2004 Shreveport Assembly No. 60, Social Order of the Beauceant in Shreveport, Louisiana, held an open installation with the Sir Knights of Ascension Commandery No. 6 of Shreveport. Prior to the installation, the ladies joined the Sir Knights in their Christmas Observance. Pictured at left in the front row, sixth from left, is (Mrs. Manfred) Theresa Johnscher, Worthy President. Directly behind her is Sir

Knight John Dark, Commander of Ascension Commandery No. 6

In a special session February 2005, Shreveport Assembly No. 60 met and three ladies from south Louisiana were initiated. The Assembly was delighted to have Mrs. R. D. Moore, P.S.W.P., visiting for the occasion. Pictured below, left to right, front row: Mrs. Dwight Brown, Chaplain; Mrs. Larry Plaisance (who recommended all three candidates); Mrs. Wiley J. Beevers, candidate; Mrs. Manfred Johnscher, W.P.; Mrs. Clayton Wolfe, candidate; Mrs. Edward A. Reine, candidate and mother of Mrs. Beevers; and Mrs. Larry Ledbetter, A.M.; back row: Mrs. Gwayne Denham, Musician; Mrs. J. T. Rosson, Treasurer; Mrs. R. D. Moore, P.S.W.P.; Mrs. Warren Hoffman, Preceptress; Mrs. Pat Dickson, Marshal; Mrs. Earl Wright, 1st V.P.; and Mrs. Jack Giles, 2nd V.P. (submitted by Mrs. Roy May, Recorder, who took the picture to right)



Brother Matthew B. Ridgway: Korean War General and NATO Commander

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33^o

A half-century ago when the Korean War was coming to an end and Cold War tensions remained high, Brother Matthew Bunker Ridgway stood at the top of the United States Army establishment. Appointed head of the U.S. Eighth Army on December 23, 1950, following the accidental death of Brother Walton H. Walker, Ridgway's name soon became a household word.

Four months later he found himself elevated to the post of supreme commander of United Nations forces in the Far East when Brother and President Truman dismissed Brother and General Douglas MacArthur.

After a year in this uncomfortable role, Truman then named Ridgway commander of the NATO forces in Europe.

Finally, in 1953 he became Army Chief of Staff.

After leaving the service in mid-1955, the General enjoyed a long retirement during which time he wrote an excellent history of the Korean War.

On top of all that, Brother Ridgway was a sixty-nine-year Mason.

Matthew Bunker Ridgway was born at Fort Monroe, Virginia, on March 3, 1895, the son of Colonel Thomas Ridgway, a career army officer. Young Matt was in a sense reared with the expectation of following in the family tradition and grew up on various military bases.



After graduating from English High School at Boston in 1912, he entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He served as manager of the football team and upon graduation on May 15, 1917, became a lieutenant in the Third Infantry.

With the U.S.A. entering World War I, the young junior officer hoped for an assignment in France, but to his chagrin he spent the next fifteen months on the border at Eagle Pass, Texas.

In September 1918 he returned to West Point as an instructor. At the time he felt he had missed the only

opportunity he would ever have for a true war experience. Years later, he would revise this opinion.

During Ridgway's nearly six years back at the U.S. Military Academy, his duties were largely spent in athletic administration. He also petitioned West Point Lodge No. 877. Brother Ridgway received his first two degrees on April 3 and April 17, 1924. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 1, 1924. Many years later he would seek additional light in Masonry, but soon after his raising, the junior officer was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia.

In Georgia at Fort Benning, Ridgway prepared for his first overseas assignment. Beginning in June 1925, he commanded a company of American infantrymen in Tientsin, China.

For the next fifteen years, he alternated between foreign and domestic duties that took him to such locales as Nicaragua, the Canal Zone and the Philippines abroad, and to Texas, Kansas, Illinois, California, and back to Fort Benning. Along the way the career officer gained fluency in Spanish. This helps explain his service on the Commission of Inquiry and Conciliation concerned with the Paraguay-Bolivia boundary dispute (remember the 1932-1935 Chaco War?).

In May 1939 he accompanied General George C. Marshall on a "special mission" to Brazil. From then onward - if not before - he came to be considered something of a Marshall protégé.

In his personal life Matthew Ridgway married Margaret Wilson in 1930. They subsequently

became the parents of daughter Virginia Ann. This marriage dissolved in June 1947. The General remarried the following December to Mary Anthony. The couple had a son, Matthew Junior.

In September 1939 Major (soon to be Colonel) Ridgway became a part of the War Department General Staff where he worked in the War Plans division until January 1942. With the U.S. now actively engaged in World War II, he finally got the field command that had eluded him in the earlier conflict. In March 1942 as a Brigadier General, he became assistant division commander of the Eighty-second Infantry; a few months later he became its commander.

In August 1942 the Eighty-second became one of the Army's first airborne units. Sent to North Africa in April 1943, Ridgway participated in the July invasion of Sicily and in the Italian campaign between September and November of that year.

On D-day, June 6, 1944, he participated with his paratroopers on the Cotentin Peninsula, doing his part to make the invasion of Normandy an Allied victory. One of his citations reads, "His personal bravery and heroism..were deciding factors in the success" of the operation.

Ridgway subsequently participated in the liberation of the Netherlands and Belgium taking his men across the Rhine, Weser, and Elbe rivers to a junction with Russian troops on May 2, 1945. By that time as commander of the Eighteenth Air-borne Corps, he had become recognized as "an outstanding authority on the use and command of air-borne troops."

With fighting over in Europe, General Ridgway was transferred briefly to the Philippines. However, the war ended before he saw any action in the Far East.

By October the General had been ordered back to the Mediterranean where he spent three months on duty.

In January 1946 his superiors placed him "on the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations." This body advised the Security Council on military matters. Brother Ridgway remained in this capacity until 1948.

At the end of 1947, he received permanent rank as a Major General although he had been a temporary Lieutenant General since June 1945.

Cold War tensions remained high, and Ridgway took charge of the Caribbean Command when his U.N. work ended.

In 1949 he became Deputy Chief of Staff in the Pentagon. In June 1950, the Cold War suddenly turned hot with the North Korean invasion of South Korea.

On the evening of December 22, 1950, the General was preparing for a quiet evening at home with friends when he received an urgent call informing him that General Walton Walker had just died in a jeep accident and that he would immediately take charge of the Eighth Army on the ground in Korea. He would have to depart for the Far East before Christmas.

Following a brief meeting with General MacArthur in Tokyo on the 26th, he took charge of an army that had been in retreat for a month.

Chinese intervention in November had led to a reversal in what had once

looked like a victory and an overly optimistic prediction that the troops would be "home for Christmas." Over the next three months Ridgway's forces managed to not only stabilize the situation but to recapture Seoul and make advances.

General Ridgway received another promotion in mid-April when President Truman dismissed MacArthur as overall Far East Commander.

The Truman-MacArthur controversy placed Ridgway in a difficult circumstance, but he did as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

While peace talks soon commenced, they initially made only minimal headway, but Ridgway's troops kept up the pressure and after some hard fighting took control of some strategic locales. After the most famous of these battles, that called Heartbreak Ridge, the Ridge came into Allied hands in mid-October 1951 after some thirty-seven days of bitter combat.

A brief lull in the action following the capture of Heartbreak Ridge enabled the Far East Commander to take a brief respite from work. On October 17, 18, 19, and 20, 1951, General Ridgway took the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Tokyo, Japan.

Many years later on October 21, 1985, he would be made a KCCH and elected to receive the 33°; however, for some reason the degree was never conferred, perhaps because of Brother Ridgway's advanced age.

Back in Korea the military front remained relatively stable although some fierce combat continued. After a year at the Far East

Command, Ridgway was transferred to Europe where he replaced General Dwight Eisenhower as Commander of the NATO Forces.

Although no military action took place in Europe, Cold War tension remained high. France and Italy were somewhat unstable, and both had large, threatening Communist movements, which were strong and which sometimes engaged in disruptions.

The death of longtime Soviet strongman Joseph Stalin in March 1953 initiated a new round of uncertainty.

Nonetheless, Matthew Ridgway acquitted himself well in this Command, and in the Spring of 1953, President Dwight Eisenhower named him Army Chief of Staff. By this time, the peace talks in Korea had begun to move forward, and in July a truce was signed.

Ridgway, a full General since 1952, remained in his post until mid-1955.

Once it became apparent that the Panmunjom Truce appeared likely to hold, the inevitable calls for reductions in the military budget followed. After the midterm elections of 1954, downsizing announcements followed, far larger than Ridgway wished to accept, to-wit a half-million-man reduction in army strength.

As a result, Ridgway felt compelled to resign and announce his retirement.

Among his most prized possessions was a July 1, 1955 telegram from his mentor, Brother and General George C. Marshall, who wished him well and congratulated

him on "a splendid military career of magnificent fighting leadership and great executive ability."

Upon his retirement from the military, Brother Ridgway took a position as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research.

In 1960 he retired from this position but continued to make his home in Pittsburgh. His memoir, ***Soldier***, was published by Harper and Brothers in 1956. A little more than a decade later, a second book by Ridgway, a well-received volume titled ***The Korean War*** appeared from Doubleday and Company.

General Ridgway became one of the longest-lived high ranking officers in American history. He died on July 26, 1993, at his home in Fox Chapel, Pennsylvania, at the advanced age of ninety-eight.

He had been a Mason for sixty-nine



nine years and a Scottish Rite member for forty-two years. As a man and as a Mason, Matthew Bunker Ridgway had served his country with honor and dignity. His fellow citizens could hardly have asked for more.

Note: The best sources for Ridgway are his own two books, *Soldier* (1956) and *The Korean War* (1967). For his Masonic record, see William R. Denslow, *10,000 Famous Freemasons*, W, p. 37. Further information came from Brother Thomas M. Savini,

Director of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of New York, and of the Scottish Rite, thanks to Journal editor Dr. John R Boetijer.

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Sale of Crusader Figurine to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



Pictured is a crusader knight posing with his helmet, sword, and shield. The figure measures 12 inches high and is made of alabastrite. It is a nice gift for any Knight Templar. The price is \$12.00 (US) plus \$5.00 (US) for S & H. New York State residents please add 8.625% sales tax. **A portion of each sale will be set aside for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.** Please send check or MO made payable to Iroko Enterprises, and send to Iroko Enterprises; CIO Alfonso Serrano; 4121 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Suite 1; Brooklyn; NY 11219-1207. Credit card payments can be received via Paypal, contact us via e-mail at irokoenterprises@aol.com or visit our web site at www.irokoenterprises.com for further information.

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





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

Sale of Knights Templar Tapestry Wall Hanging to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Beautiful Knights Templar tapestry wall hanging is a limited edition of 1,000 pieces only. Made in the U.S., it is in full color containing 360 threads per square inch. It is made of 100% preshrunk cotton and has a solid upholstery backing. The 1760 flag is on one side, and the present flag for our country is on the other side. The text states: "Pride in our past, faith in our future." It has the nation's bald eagle and the nine battle shields of the crusaders who founded Knight Templar. It has a poem, "A Knight Templar," in the center and beautiful illustrations of Knights Templar past and present. It also has the Masonic arch and the York Rite working tools. It comes with a black lacquer wooden pole and a brass chain for hanging. The size is 26 inches by 32 inches. A **donation of \$5.00** for each hanging sold will go to the KTEF. The price is \$43.00 each, including shipping. For outside the U.S, please add \$15.00. Send check or money order payable to: Stanley C. Buz, and send to him at P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.



Is There No Way to Save His Life?

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg
KYCH, 33°

Among the many Masons who delivered exceptional service to fledgling nation during its inception was an individual who has well established his patriotism during the War of the Revolution.

Aaron Ogden was born at Elizabethtown, New Jersey, on December 3, 1756. He was educated at Princeton College, graduating from there in 1773 at the age of seventeen.

During this time Princeton College was a nursery for patriotism, with many of its students and graduates enrolled in the service of their new nation.

Aaron Ogden entered the army in 1774. Soon thereafter, he participated in the capture of a British sailing vessel *named the Blue Mountain Valley* off the shores at Sandy Hook. The secured vessel was brought into port at Elizabethport, New Jersey.

Ogden was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the First New Jersey regiment in the spring of 1777. He remained with this military organization for the course of the conflict. He accompanied General John Sullivan's New Hampshire brigade in its attack upon the Tory force on Staten Island in August of 1777. Ogden fought also in the battle of Brandywine and later at Monmouth during the summer of 1778, and he accompanied General Sullivan in his 1779 campaign against the Indian tribes in New York. The following year he was engaged in battle at Springfield in New Jersey, where he had a horse shot from under him while on the field of battle. In August of 1780, Ogden was promoted to the rank of captain in the light infantry under the command of General LaFayette.



Soon, Ogden was entrusted by his Commander-in-Chief General George Washington with a delicate commission involving Major John Andre, who was under the sentence of death as a British spy, and Benedict Arnold, the American fugitive, for his treachery to his country.

With some sympathy for Andre and a greater desire to inflict a fitting punishment upon Arnold, perhaps there was induced in Washington a desire to exchange a condemned spy for an arch-traitor. Well-knowing that a formal proposal to this effect would not be favorably received by the British commander, Washington enclosed an official account of the trial of Major John Andre accompanied with a letter from the condemned officer. These were transmitted under a flag of truce to the British headquarters in New York.

The execution of this operation was committed to the American captain Ogden, who bore no illusion as to a mediated exchange of prisoners. Captain Ogden was instructed to suggest the idea that such an exchange might be a possibility.

This charge was duly executed by Aaron Ogden; while he awaited a response to this communication, the subject of the unfortunate Major Andre reappeared. "Is there no way to save his life?" asked the British officer in charge. "Perhaps, it might be done," replied Ogden, "if Sir Henry Clinton would give up Benedict Arnold." He informed his British counterpart, however, that General Washington had given no assurance to this effect, but Ogden believed that this might be effected. So informed, the British officer approached General Clinton with this intelligence.

Unfortunately, military honor would not permit what, perhaps, both sides would have welcomed had not military code intervened. A request, however, was made for a meeting of the concerned parties, and it was sent from General Clinton to General Washington, carried by Captain Ogden and three British officers under a flag of truce.

General Nathanael Greene, who headed the American deputation, however, refused to confer with the British delegation, except as private citizens. The conference was canceled; the unfortunate Major Andre paid the supreme penalty of a spy, while Benedict Arnold, his vile accessory, was permitted to hold a commission as a brigadier general in the British army.

Captain Aaron Ogden subsequently accompanied General LaFayette during his campaign in Virginia in 1781. At the Battle of Yorktown, Ogden's gallantry against the enemy won the personal praise of General George Washington.

The military operations of the Americans were brought to a close with the capture of Lord Cornwallis, but the army was not disbanded until a lasting peace had been confirmed. It was during this period that a number of new military Masonic lodges were

established. It was in one of these lodges, though not historically identified, that Aaron Ogden joined the Craft.

Early records indicate that he was elected to serve as Junior Warden. On September 2, 1782, the record of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania contained this entry: "A petition signed by twenty brethren, officers in the Jersey line, was read praying for a warrant to hold a traveling military lodge to be attached to said line. The same was unanimously granted. The proposed officers were the Rev. Andrew Hunter for Master, Joseph J. Anderson, Senior Warden, and Captain Aaron Ogden, Junior Warden, to be numbered 36."

After the close of hostilities, Aaron Ogden returned to his study of law, rising rapidly in his profession. His popularity among the citizens of New Jersey caused him to be elected as a state senator in 1801, and in 1812 Ogden became the governor of his state.

Death came to him in 1839 at the age of 83 years, bringing an end to decades of distinguished service to his beloved nation.

Perhaps, the most appropriate memorial that might be enacted for

Aaron Ogden were the words penned by his contemporary, Samuel Adams: "Our union is now complete, our constitution established and approved. You are now the guardians of your own liberties."

Sir Knight and Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33rd is a Past Commander of the following Commanderies: Mizpah No. 53, Oak Lawn; Joliet No. 4, Joliet; and St. Elmo No. 64, Chicago; all are in Illinois. Presently, he is the Recorder of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35 in Chicago. He is a member of the Knights Templar Education Committee of Illinois and the Chairman of the Grand Commandery Historian Committee of Illinois. He is an Associate Professor (retired) of Pathology at the Chicago Medical School, North Chicago, Illinois. He resides at 418 Huron Street, Park Forest, IL 60466-2206.

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Our Flag

Only a bit of color
Waving upon the Street;
Only a wind-whipped pennant
Where the band plays shrill and sweet.

Yet a soldier's heart beats faster,
And proud is the sailor's eye,
And the citizen's step is quickened
When our *flag* is passing by.

Only a bit of color,
Did I hear a body say?
True be the hearts that greet it
Wherever it waves today!

Back of that bit of color
Lies a nation's history,
And ahead of our splendid banner -
Who knows what there yet may be?

Frances Crosby Hamlet