

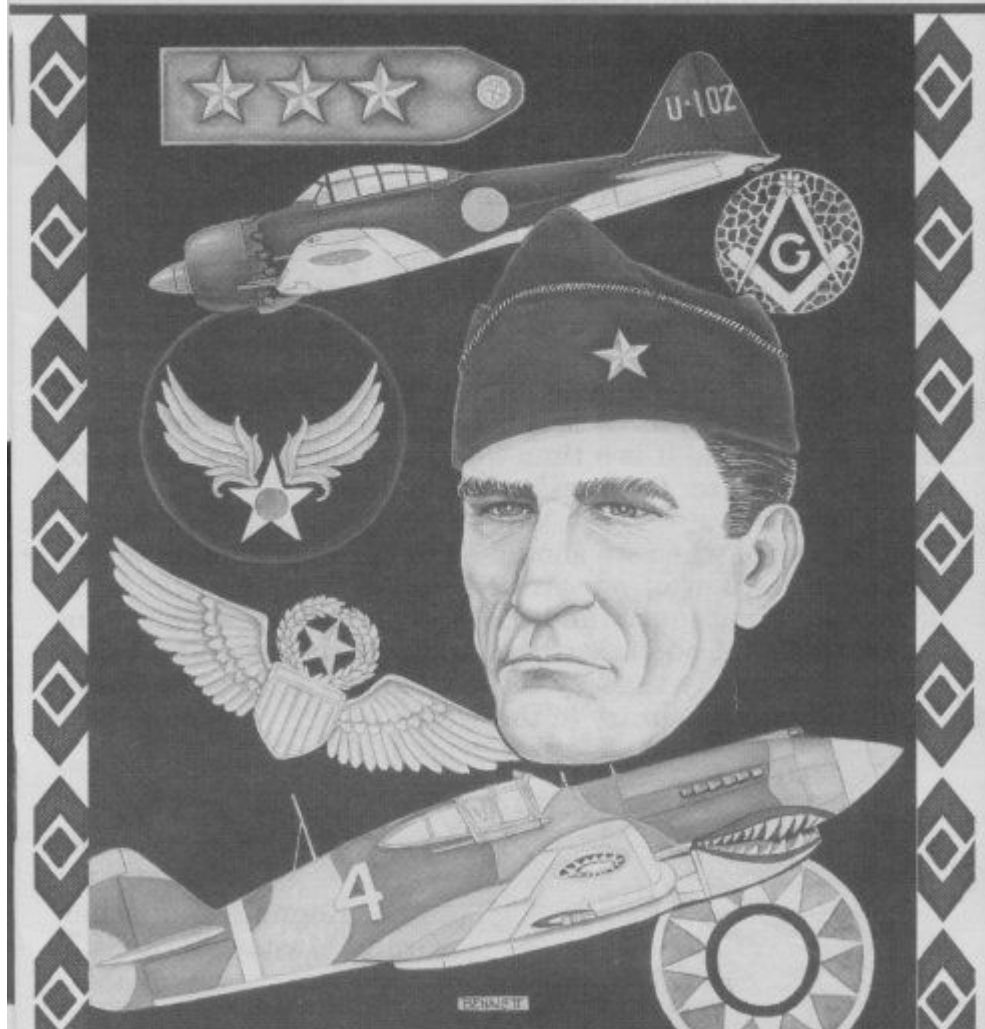


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General Claire Chennault in 1942, plus symbols of his military career: the P40 of the Flying Tigers, the Chinese national emblem, the wings of a US Air Corps command pilot, the insignia of the US Air Corps, a Japanese A6M Zero, and the three stars of a lieutenant general, Chennault's highest military rank.

## Grand Master's Message for July 2005

July, being the middle of the summer, is a time when families with children typically take vacations and enjoy a time of rest and relaxation.

Many Masonic bodies are "dark," but this is a good time to plan for the fall when we will go back to "work."

Several national conventions are being held, and we will represent the Grand Encampment at many of them. Perhaps, we will have the pleasure of seeing you at one of them.



The Fourth of July is generally accepted as the anniversary of our nation's birth. It is a time to celebrate our freedoms and our heritage. It is a time when we should give thanks to the Great Creator for blessing this country.

This is a time when we should show our appreciation to the men and women of our Armed Forces for their efforts in defending this country and the freedoms which we continue to enjoy. May God Bless them and protect them and bring them home safely to enjoy those freedoms and live in Peace in the Greatest Country in the World.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth B. Fischer". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Kenneth B. Fischer  
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



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

JULY: Our coverage of the results of the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation begins on page 5. It includes listings of top Commanderies in per capita and total dollars contributed, constituent Commanderies reporting \$10.00 or more per member and \$5.00 to \$9.99 per member, and the final totals for Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies that participated in the Campaign. The coverage concludes with estate/trust donations and listings of new club members - Grand Commander's and Grand Master's, 33°, and OPC. There's a new Masonic book available, entitled *American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities*. Read about it on page 21. Flying Tiger Commander, Brother Claire L. Chennault, is memorialized in story and art by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, starting on page 23.

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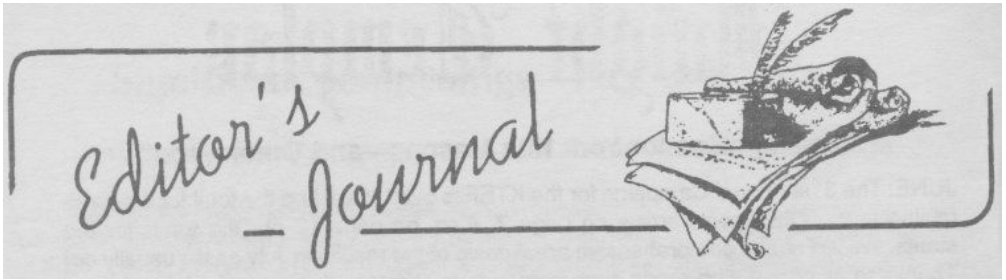
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Attention: all Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 2005 (December for NH); or Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November issue, Knight Templar magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 15, 2005. If your installation will be in late September through December, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send Polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots, and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 15, 2005. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.

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

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62nd TRIENNIAL MEMORABILIA: From the 62nd Triennial Conclave, we still have available the black carrying cases that were given at registration - \$20.00 plus \$6.00 S & H (\$26.00). See above for ordering information.

Great Knights Templar Gifts: Available is the 2-volume set of History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America by Francis J. Scully, M.D., and History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America - Book II by Lt. Col. Jacob C. Baird, Chairman, the Committee on Knights Templar History. As a set, the two books are \$25.00 plus \$4.00 S & H (\$29.00). Separately, each book is \$15.00 plus \$3.00 S & H (\$18.00).

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An important and invaluable booklet entitled The York Rite of Freemasonry - A History and Handbook is available. It is authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel. This comprehensive, illustrated, 78 page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery. There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies, plus S & H; \$1.00 each over 100 copies, plus S & H.

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## Eye Foundation Campaign Closes

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation reports a contribution total for the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign of \$762,152.59, \$166,562.30 less than last year. Some Commanderies did an outstanding job as you can see for yourself from the following listings. Thanks to all those who worked so hard. A total of 1,195 Commanderies participated in this year's campaign, 26 less than last year

Pennsylvania took the lead in total dollars contributed, with Georgia in second position and Texas third. A listing of top Grand Commanderies on a per capita basis found Utah first, followed by New Hampshire and Massachusetts/Rhode Island, second and third respectively. The top subordinate Commandery on a per capita basis is Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico, and the top subordinate Commandery for total dollars contributed is Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico.

Plaques and seals are being prepared for the 198 constituent Commanderies that reported contributions of \$10.00 or more per member. 177 Commanderies contributing \$5.00 to \$9.99 per member will receive certificates. These Commanderies are listed on the following pages

<b>TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS</b>			
No. 1	<b>UTAH</b> Gerald J. Everett, Chairman	\$23.85 per member	Total—\$10,016.00
No. 2	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b> Nathaniel H. Sawyer, Chairman	\$14.91 per member	Total—\$9,570.07
No. 3	<b>MASS./RHODE ISLAND</b> Sidney Clifford, Jr., Chairman	\$11.92 per member	Total—\$45,518.25
<b>TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS</b>			
	Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	\$1.15 per member	Total—\$150.00
	Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii	\$.22 per member	Total—\$50.00
	Tokyo No. 1, Japan	\$.16 per member	Total—\$30.00
<b>TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS</b>			
No. 1	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b> Michael Koncewicz, Chairman		Total—\$57,233.37
No. 2	<b>GEORGIA</b> Charles B. Stephens, Chairman		Total—\$55,976.17
No. 3	<b>TEXAS</b> Michael H. Shively, Chairman		Total—\$55,575.74

**TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS**

Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico—Total—\$150.00  
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii—Total—\$50.00  
Tokyo No. 1, Japan—Total—\$30.00

**TOP TEN GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS**

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|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. PENNSYLVANIA               | 6. OHIO       |
| 2. GEORGIA                    | 7. CALIFORNIA |
| 3. TEXAS                      | 8. VIRGINIA   |
| 4. MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND | 9. ILLINOIS   |
| 5. TENNESSEE                  | 10. IOWA      |

**TOP TEN GRAND COMMANDERIES IN PER CAPITA TOTALS**

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|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. UTAH                       | 6. VIRGINIA     |
| 2. NEW HAMPSHIRE              | 7. ARIZONA      |
| 3. MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND | 8. MARYLAND     |
| 4. OREGON                     | 9. IDAHO        |
| 5. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA       | 10. CONNECTICUT |

**Constituent Commanderies Reporting \$10.00 or More Per Member**

(Per capita is within 10 cents of minimum.)

*ALABAMA:* Anniston No. 23, Anniston; Florence No. 39, Florence.

*ALASKA:* Wasilla-Palmer No. 4, Wasilla.

*ARIZONA:* Calvary No. 8, Winslow; Yuma No. 10, Yuma; Burning Taper No. 15, Sierra Vista; Apache No. 16, Mesa; St. Andrew No. 17 U.D., Peoria.

*ARKANSAS:* St. Elmo No. 13, Batesville; Rogers No. 24, Bentonville; Christian Friends No. 35, Clarksville.

*CALIFORNIA:* San Diego No. 25, San Diego; Orange County No. 36, Anaheim; Vacaville No. 38, Vacaville; Palo Alto No. 47, Palo Alto; Whittier-St. Johns No. 51, Whittier; Auburn No. 52, Auburn; Contra Costa No. 59, Concord; Merced No. 69, Merced.

*COLORADO:* Georgetown No. 4, Georgetown; Pikes Peak No. 6, Colorado Springs; Longs Peak No. 12, Longmont; Temple No. 23, Grand Junction; Jefferson-Highlands No. 30, Denver; St. Bernard No. 41, Denver.

*CONNECTICUT:* St. Elmo No. 9, Meriden.

*DELAWARE:* St. Andrew's No. 2, Dover; Trinity No. 3, Wilmington.

*DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:* Washington No. 1, Washington, D.C. *FLORIDA:* Oriental No. 9, Daytona; Ft. Myers No. 32, Ft. Myers.

*GEORGIA:* Georgia No. 1, Augusta; St. Omer No. 2, Macon; St. Aldemar No. 3, Columbus; Couer de Lion No. 4, College Park; DeMolay No. 5, Americus; Palestine No. 7, Savannah; Tancred No. 11, Newnan; Plantagenet No. 12, Milledgeville; Pilgrim No. 15, Gainesville; St. Johns No. 19, Dalton; St. Paul No. 24, Albany; St. Bernard No. 25, Covington; Constantine No. 26, Marietta; Charles Martel No. 29, Chickamauga; Bethlehem No. 30, Thomasville; Blue Ridge Mountain No. 37, McCaysville; DeKalb No. 38, Decatur; Trinity No. 39, Blakely; Douglasville No. 40, Douglasville; Amicalola No. 41, Jasper; St. Michael No. 43 U.D., Cochran.

*IDAHO:* Idaho No. 1, Boise; Gate City No. 4, Pocatello; Twin Falls No. 10, Twin Falls.

*ILLINOIS:* Apollo No. 1, Wheaton; Aurora No. 22, Yorkville; St. Omer No. 30, Litchfield; Galena No. 40, Galena; Coeur de Leon No. 43, El Paso; St. Elmo No. 64, Chicago; Chicago Heights No. 78, Lansing.

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*KANSAS:* Garden City No. 50, Garden City; Liberal No. 55, Liberal.

*KENTUCKY* Covington No. 7, Covington; Paducah No. 11, Paducah; Mayfield No. 49, Mayfield; Irvine No. 55, U.D., Irvine.

*LOUISIANA.* Indivisible Friends No. 1, New Orleans; Monroe No. 7, Monroe; Plains No. 11, Baton Rouge; Ivanhoe No. 19, New Orleans; C. A. Everitt No. 29, Slidell.

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*MISSOURI:* Ivanhoe No. 8, St. Louis.

*MONTANA*: Black Eagle No. 8, Great Falls.

*NEVADA*: De Witt Clinton No. 1, Reno; Malta No. 3, Las Vegas; Melita No. 9, Boulder City.

*NEW HAMPSHIRE*: Trinity No. 1, Manchester; Mt. Horeb No. 3, Concord; Palestine No. 11, Rochester.

*NEW JERSEY*: Hugh de Paynes No. 1, Hackensack.

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*ARIZONA:* Arizona No. 1, Tucson; Ivanhoe No. 2, Prescott; Columbine No. 9, Safford; Crusade No. 11, Chandler; Scottsdale No. 12, Scottsdale.

*ARKANSAS:* Baldwin No. 4, Fayetteville.

*CALIFORNIA:* California No. 1, San Francisco; Nevada No. 6, Nevada City; Los Angeles No. 9, Van Nuys; Quincy Lassen No. 13, Westwood; Golden Gate No. 16, South San Francisco; St. Omer No. 30, Santa Barbara; San Gabriel Valley No. 31, Rosemead; Bakersfield No. 39, Bakersfield; Foothill No. 63, Monrovia; Tulare No. 66, Tulare.

*COLORADO:* Pueblo No. 3, Pueblo; Mt. of the Holy Cross No. 5, Leadville; Mt. Sinai No. 7, Boulder; Greeley No. 10, Greeley; Salida No. 17, Salida; Palestine No. 22, La Junta; Delta No. 34, Delta; J. E. Abbott No. 40, Englewood.

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*DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:* Columbia No. 2, Washington, D.C.; Inri No. 4, Washington, D.C.

*FLORIDA:* Emmanuel No. 36, Deland.

*GEORGIA:* Ivanhoe No. 10, Fort Valley; Crusader No. 17, Bainbridge; St. Elmo No. 21, Brunswick; Aiexius No. 22, Jackson; Olivet No. 27, Dublin; Griffin No. 35, Griffin; Waycross No. 36, Waycross; Costa! Plain No. 42, Tifton.

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*ILLINOIS:* Elwood No. 6, Springfield; Sycamore No. 15, DeKaib; Ivanhoe No. 33, Kankakee.

*INDIANA*: Baldwin No. 2, Shelbyville; Greencastle No. 11, Greencastle; Columbus No. 14, Columbus; Greenfield No. 39, Greenfield; Noblesville No. 61, Noblesville.

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*MICHIGAN*: Pontiac No. 2, Auburn Hills; Port Huron No. 7, Port Huron; Northville No. 39, Northville; Bad Axe No. 52, Bad Axe.

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*NEW JERSEY*: Trinity No. 17, Plainfield.

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*OHIO*: Massillon No. 4, Massillon; Oriental No. 12, Chagrin Falls; Shawnee No. 14, Lima; Hanselmann No. 16, Cincinnati; Raper No. 19, Urbana; St. Johns No. 20, Youngstown; Holyrood No. 32, Berea; Forest City No. 40, Cleveland; Coeur de Lion No. 64, Lyndhurst; Columbus No. 69, Columbus; Bethany No. 72, Ravenna; Jerusalem No. 75, Eaton; St. George No. 76, Lima; Cuyahoga Falls No. 83, Cuyahoga Falls.

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*VIRGINIA*: Richmond No. 2, Richmond; DeMolay No. 4, Lynchburg; Stevenson No. 8, Staunton; Grice No. 16, Norfolk; Luray No. 19, Luray; Clinch Valley No. 20, Tazewell; Malta No. 24, Onancock; Piedmont No. 26, Manassas; Chesapeake No. 28, Cape Charles.

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*Wisconsin* Marinette No. 26, Marinette

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.  
37th Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand  
Commanderies for KTEF Officers  
and Trustees for the week ending  
May 15, 2005. The total amount  
contributed to the Campaign is  
\$762,152.59.

Alabama .....	\$12,124.67
Alaska .....	1,358.00
Arizona .....	10,654.00
Arkansas .....	4,635.00
California .....	37,141.97
Colorado .....	13,923.52
Connecticut.....	11,695.03
Delaware .....	2,845.75
District of Columbia .....	4,021.00
Florida .....	15,324.06
Georgia .....	55,976.17
Idaho.....	5,745.75
Illinois.....	28,728.09
Indiana .....	10,082.00
Iowa .....	27,778.50
Kansas .....	6,457.67
Kentucky .....	20,698.38
Louisiana.....	12,933.20
Maine.....	9,823.42
Maryland.....	16,879.25
Mass./R.I. ....	45,518.25

Michigan.....	8,552.00
Minnesota.....	6,451.00
Mississippi.....	5,629.60
Missouri.....	11,619.53
Montana .....	3,643.13
Nebraska .....	5,384.12
Nevada.....	5,831.00
New Hampshire.....	9,570.07
New Jersey.....	5,337.00
New Mexico.....	6,459.50
New York.....	13,297.40
North Carolina.....	9,393.69
North Dakota .....	1,095.00
Ohio .....	37,807.26
Oklahoma .....	11,136.03
Oregon .....	13,843.00
Pennsylvania.....	57,223.37
South Carolina.....	16,003.59
South Dakota .....	2,475.27
Tennessee .....	39,533.03
Texas.....	55,575.74
Utah.....	10,016.00
Vermont.....	3,967.00
Virginia.....	29,012.55
Washington .....	8,486.15
West Virginia .....	10,947.04
Wisconsin .....	9,981.84
Wyoming.....	7,158.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii.....	50.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico .....	150.00
Tokyo No. 1, Japan .....	30.00
Miscellaneous.....	2,150.00

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Norma W. Hall	\$17,484.62		AK Commandery unknown
<b>Alaska total: \$17,484.62</b>			
Mary Adde Beck	\$3,605.69		AZ Commandery unknown
Loretta M. Manker		\$35,000.00	AZ Commandery unknown
Lois Simmons		\$4,548.84	AZ Commandery unknown
J. Karl Zimmerman	\$241.50		AZ Commandery unknown
<b>Arizona total: \$43,396.03</b>			
Theodore John Haddad		\$128,571.43	CA Golden West No. 43
Arthur A. Iuchs	\$28,530.00		CA Long Beach No. 40
<b>California total: \$157,101.43</b>			
Florence D. Campbell	\$89,115.76		FL Commandery unknown
Russell A. Mitchell		\$936.87	FL Commandery unknown
Grace M. Thompson	\$1,000.00		FL Commandery unknown
<b>Florida total: \$91,052.63</b>			
Mahlon A. Wetmore, Jr.	\$1,000.00		GA Atlanta No. 9
<b>Georgia total: \$1,000.00</b>			
Luella K. Davidson	\$1,609.05		IL Commandery unknown
Harry & Mary Harshbarger	\$50,000.00		IL Commandery unknown
<b>Illinois total: \$51,609.05</b>			
Leo R. Geyer		\$4,399.45	IA Commandery unknown
<b>Iowa total: \$4,399.45</b>			

Helen Dennett	\$205.30	KS Commandery unknown
<b>Kansas total: \$205.30</b>		
Wallace Gage	\$1,000.00	ME Trinity No. 7
Eugene B. Hamilton	\$621.68	ME Commandery unknown
<b>Maine total: \$1,621.68</b>		
Mildred Brabetz Williams	\$1,319.00	MA/RI Commandery unknown
<b>Massachusetts/Rhode Island Total: \$1,319.00</b>		
George E. Franchere	\$5,000.00	MI Detroit No. 1
John W. Kinker	\$1,558.24	MI Commandery unknown
Katheryn L. Lyness	\$825.68	MI Commandery unknown
<b>Michigan total: \$7,383.92</b>		
Lawrence E. Dudeck	\$276.40	MO Commandery unknown
Anton F. & Cleo Hermes	\$1,000.00	MO Ascalon No. 16
Arthur E. Trautman	\$1,600.00	MO Ascalon No. 16
<b>Missouri total: \$2,876.40</b>		
Ethel H. Lynch	\$64,366.41	NH Mt. Horeb No. 3
<b>New Hampshire total: \$64,366.41</b>		
Merritt J. Crawford	\$4,383.12	NC Commandery unknown
<b>North Carolina total: \$4,383.12</b>		
Carl H. Devoe	\$79,000.00	OH Oriental No. 12
Leo C. Gaebelein	\$605.17	OH Commandery unknown
Lillian P. Kressly	\$13,401.81	OH Commandery unknown
Irene M. Ward	\$105,000.00	OH Columbus No. 69
<b>Ohio total: \$198,006.98</b>		
Jennings Elbon	\$58,089.01	OR Commandery unknown
<b>Oregon total: \$58,089.01</b>		
Arlene Bertrand	\$904.15	PA Commandery unknown
Henry Ginter	\$440.65	PA Commandery unknown
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Kenneth F. Reed	\$33,330.67	SC Commandery unknown
<b>South Carolina total: \$33,330.67</b>		
Irene Wollman	\$75,917.87	SD La Co Tah No. 6
<b>South Dakota total: \$75,917.87</b>		
Mildred A. Burton	\$100,000.00	TX Commandery unknown
Walter & Ada Henderson	\$22,202.88	TX Dallas No. 6
Howard Newton	\$22,950.00	TX San Antonio No. 7
<b>Texas total: \$145,152.88</b>		
Owen O. Pitchford	\$1,000.00 (Endowment)	WV Kanawha No. 4
<b>West Virginia total: \$1,000.00</b>		
<b>Grand Total: Estates: \$635,972.71 Trusts: \$325,068.54</b>		

### Grand Master's Club

**Correction:** No. 4,520—Richard A. Zummak (IA) (name misspelled in May issue)

#### New members:

No. 4,591—Edward O'Banion (TX)	No. 4,600—William J. Cavender (GA)
No. 4,592—Michael D. Nucilli II (WV)	No. 4,601—Joseph M. Acree (GA)
No. 4,593—Hollis Vance (WV)	No. 4,602—John K. March (PA)
No. 4,594—Peggy Austin (TN)	No. 4,603—Ronald L. Ellis (IN)
No. 4,595—Janet Clayman (TN)	No. 4,604—R. Roger Stene (CO)
No. 4,596—Charles D. Griffin (GA)	No. 4,605—Randy E. Cejka (IA)
No. 4,597—Randal W. Burnett (GA)	No. 4,606—Robert J. Murdoch, Jr. (PA)
No. 4,598—Paul Harvey Gardner (GA)	No. 4,607—Robert B. Hodge, Jr. (OK)
No. 4,599—Larry Sampson (GA)	No. 4,608—Lee Roy Stapp (GA)
	No. 4,609—Albert F. Garner, Jr. (GA)

No. 4,610—Gary H. Leazer (GA)  
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 No. 4,612—Matthew R. Crowson (AL)  
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 No. 4,615—Edgar F. Coonrod (MO)

No. 4,616—Walter D. Straight (MO)  
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 No. 102,173—Eugene M. Bane, Jr. (VA)  
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 No. 102,176—Hassel H. Taylor (CO)  
 No. 102,177—Kevin Ray Smith (GA)  
 No. 102,178—Ralph T. Woodrow (VA)  
 No. 102,179—Bobby C. Park (AL)  
 No. 102,180—Carl Richard Beck (AL)  
 No. 102,181—Bruce Hershell Gargus (AL)  
 No. 102,182—William H. Guthrie (AL)  
 No. 102,183—Rickey Lee Kelley (AL)  
 No. 102,184—Douglas A. O'Dell (AL)  
 No. 102,185—Thomas Lyde Smith III (AL)  
 No. 102,186—Michael Wayne Wesson (AL)  
 No. 102,187—Paul J. Reardon (VA)  
 No. 102,188—Waunettia Straight (MO)

No. 102,189—Paul M. Adams (NY)  
 No. 102,190—Timothy A. Gatewood (TN)  
 No. 102,191—James Warren Horton (TN)  
 No. 102,192—James C. McCarley (TN)  
 No. 102,193—William T. Woolfolk, Jr. (TN)  
 No. 102,194—Ronald Paul Wyse (TN)  
 No. 102,195—Wayne H. Livermore (MA/RI)  
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 No. 102,198—Roy Cleo Murdock (TN)  
 No. 102,199—Helen Murdock (TN)  
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 No. 102,201—George R. Baddour (TN)  
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## Colorado Fund-raiser Benefits the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



This hand-quilted, queen-sized quilt will be auctioned off on Saturday, September 10, 2005, at the Colorado Yor Rite Grand Sessions. Proceeds will go to support the York Rite philanthropies. Entitled "The Tree of Life," the quilt is valued at \$1,750. Sealed pre-bids can be mailed to Sir Knight Stan Gardner, 1629 Garwood Drive, Pueblo, CO 81005-2238. All pre-bids will be opened before the bidding starts on September 10. The opening bid has been set at \$500.

**R.E. Deputy Grand Master Richard B. Baldwin  
Presents 50-year Certificate at Louisiana Commandery**



Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin (left at podium), Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the USA, is shown presenting a 50-year certificate to Sir Knight Jack E. Giles of Ascension Commandery No. 6, Shreveport, Louisiana. Sir Knight Baldwin was the Grand Encampment representative for the 142nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, held April 11-12, 2005, in the city of Monroe. Sir Knight Giles has completed 50 years as a member of Ascension No. 6, is a Past Commander, and holds the Grand Encampment Membership Jewel with two oak leaf clusters. (submitted by Sir Knight Larry B. Ledbetter, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Louisiana)

**Knights Templar of Baldwin Commandery No. 4, Arkansas  
Participate as Parade Color Guard in Opening of Cornerstone**

On May 7, 2005, the 100th anniversary of the old Washington County Courthouse In Fayetteville, Arkansas, was celebrated with the opening of the old cornerstone. The Masons of Fayetteville played a prominent part in the setting of the first stone. During the parade the Masonic participation was acknowledged with a Knights



Templar color guard (pictured at right) leading the parade. Among the speakers was Brother and Sir Knight Kevin Hatfield, M.W. Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, F. & A.M. He spoke of the Masonic traditions concerning the setting of cornerstones. (submitted by Sir Knight Robert C. Oswald, Past Commander)

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### **New York's Nassau Commandery Presents Scholarship at Service and Pilgrimage held for Brother Theodore Roosevelt**



On Saturday, April 23, 2005, the 58th annual commemorative service and pilgrimage was held for Brother Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States. The service is conducted by the New York State League of Masonic Clubs in cooperation with Matinecock Lodge No. 806, F. & A.M. Each year a scholarship is given to a Oyster Bay High School student who writes the best essay on the president. In the picture Sir Knight Michael Brolly presents the check to Tai J00 Ha. After the commemorative service the participants went, as usual, to Young's Cemetery, where a wreath was placed by Past Commander of Nassau No. 73, Sir.

Knight Walter J. Hilsenbeck, who is also G.H.P., R.A.M., of New York State

### **Atlanta, Georgia Reverend Welcomes Two Georgia Commanderies**

*t the St. James United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. and Reverend Jim Cantrell, Sr., Minister, read the following statement during the service and introduced Atlanta Commandery No. 9, Atlanta, and Couer de Lion No. 4, Collee Park:*

'All Sir Knights are Master Masons, a prerequisite to applying to the York Rite. The Order of the Temple is the last Order and is known as a Christian Order. We take an obligation, and our prime mission is the support and defense of the Christian religion. The final act of the Order is the Knighting of a candidate.

"Why join the Knights Templar? As you can see our uniforms are very appealing, especially when we wear our swords; however, we never wear our swords in a church. Also, we have two much larger tasks: They are our Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, which sends ministers to the Holy Land.

"Locally, we find great satisfaction in helping those who need eye surgery and are unable to pay. Various doctors, hospitals, and anesthetists provide their services. We interview the person requesting aid. This helping of those in need and who qualify can be very rewarding to those of us in the order. I and several others here today interview those who cannot afford the surgery.

'In Georgia for the year 2003, \$500,000 went to pay the cost for all kinds of eye surgery regardless of the individuals' ages. Each recipient must be a US citizen."

Sir Knight John T. Holt, E. Commander of Atlanta No. 9, states: "We thanked the Reverend, Dr. Jim Cantrell, the Reverend Brian Dale, and the membership of St.



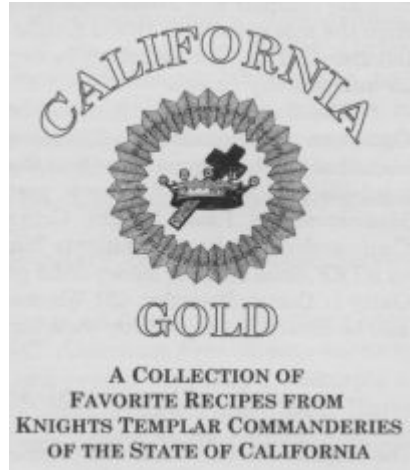
James United Methodist Church on behalf of both Commanderies for allowing us to be a part of their Sunday service."

For more information on the KTEF program in Georgia, contact: John T. Holt, Eminent Commander of Atlanta No. 9, at (404) 255-5482.

At left are the ministers and Sir Knights who participated in the service at St. James United Methodist Church.

### **Sale of California Cookbook to Benefit the KTEF**

The Grand Commandery of California is selling cookbooks to benefit the KTEF. Entitled "California Gold," the book is a compilation of recipes submitted by Sir Knights and ladies of the Commanderies of California. It is bound in a 3-ring loose-leaf format and contains 750 recipes. The books sell for \$20.00 each, and the entire amount goes to the KTEF. We are able to do this because the publication cost of the books was covered by private donations. Make out checks to: Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Send to: Dan McDaniel, Attn: Cookbooks, 1250 Peterson Court, Los Altos, CA 94024



### **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; C/O 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](mailto:irokoenterprises@aol.com) or visit our web site at [www.irokoenterprises.com](http://www.irokoenterprises.com) for further information.

## Tennessee Commandery Sells Lapel Pins to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



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 English Masonic Stein to Benefit KTEF

The English Masonic stein was produced for a Masonic Brother in Warlock, England. The Brother designed the stein the way it appears. The stein is 7 and 1/2 inches tall, 3 and 1/4 inches at the opening, 4 and 3/4 inches at the base. It is made of white ceramic with a pewter lid, and the lid has a ceramic insert with a picture of the Holy Bible. The front of the stein has a very colorful Masonic scene from the King Solomon era, and on the other side of the body is an altar with the three lights of Masonry with a bible verse; on a third part of the stein is a Masonic poem. The bottom of the stein had the English Brother's name and address.

There will be only 300 stems sold here in the US. The cost of the stein is \$52.00, and \$5.00 of each sale will go to the KTEF. The price includes shipping and insurance. You can pay by check or money order or non-canceled US postal stamps. Please make check or MO payable to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052



## National Heritage Museum Publishes New Masonic Book

The National Heritage Museum, Lexington, Massachusetts, in partnership with New York University Press, proudly announces the publication of *American Freemasons: Three Centuries of Building Communities*, a lavishly illustrated 280-page volume examining the central role Freemasonry has played in American history from the colonial era to the present day. Written by Mark Tabbert, Curator of Masonic and Fraternal Collections at the National Heritage Museum, *American Freemasons* is the first book of its kind to trace Freemasonry from its origins through its extraordinary impact on our nation from the time of the Revolution, to the labor and civil rights movements, and into our own century.

Says Steven C. Bullock, author of *Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840*, "With a membership that included George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, Jesse Jackson and Gerald Ford, and millions of Americans in between, Masonry has been an integral part of this country's history. Yet until now no single book has traced the progress of the fraternity from the early 18th century to the 21st. Mark Tabbert expertly guides readers through that extraordinary history."

Richard E. Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, calls it "a must read."

Freemasonry is the oldest and largest of all American voluntary associations, but many ask "What exactly is it?" *American Freemasons* seeks to present clear answers to that question and reveal why three centuries of Americans from Paul Revere and Ben Franklin, to Lewis and Clark, Harry Truman, and Thurgood Marshall have been drawn to its rituals, symbols and precepts.

According to author Mark Tabbert, while most books on American Freemasonry are either written for scholarly audiences or by Freemasons looking to promote the organization, *American Freemasons* serves as an accessible and engaging account of this significant aspect of our nation's civic history. Even though many Americans misunderstand Freemasonry - John Quincy Adams called it "a seed of evil, which can never produce any good" - the organization has been integral to the lives of millions of Americans. The book places in context why Freemasonry was so important to the growth of our nation and our communities, and why many still gather as brothers in small town and big city lodges.

Tabbert also explores the rise and fall of membership in the fraternity and examines the relationship between the privacy of a Masonic lodge and the public environment of American civic society. The work also shows how Freemasonry's tenets - first established in the 1700s - continue to shape both the lodge and America today. The reader will gain a greater understanding of the interaction between Masonic lodges and American communities.

*American Freemasons* is published by the National Heritage Museum in cooperation with New York University Press. The 280-page book includes 200 full-color illustrations, many drawn from the Museum's extensive permanent collections of artifacts, archival material, and fine art related to Masonic and fraternal history. The book retails for \$29.95 and appeared in bookstores in May. It will also be available in the Museum's Heritage Shop.

Mark Tabbert holds a B.A. in History from Allegheny College (1986), an M.A. in American History and Museum Studies from Duquesne University (1996), and is a Past Master of Mystic Valley Masonic Lodge, Arlington, Massachusetts. He was born and raised in Iowa.

The National Heritage Museum is dedicated to presenting exhibitions on a wide variety of topics in American history and popular culture. The Museum is supported by the Scottish Rite Freemasons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. The Museum is located at 33 Marrett Road in Lexington, Massachusetts, at the corner of Route 2A and Massachusetts Avenue. For more information, visit our web site at [www.monh.org](http://www.monh.org) or call (781) 861-6559.

Digital color images of the book are available. Please contact Linda Patch at (781) 862-6541 or [Lpatch@sprynet.com](mailto:Lpatch@sprynet.com).

### **Pennsylvania Couple Receive Grand Encampment Awards**

According to Sir Knight Charles A. Games, HP.D.C. and Chairman, the Committee on Public Relations, Grand Encampment: "It was a very unusual occasion at the 152nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania in Erie, Pennsylvania, on May 24, 2005, when Sir Knight David M. Clawson, P.C. of Tancred Commandery No. 48, Wexford, received the Knight Commander of the Temple Award and his wife Shirley received the Companion of the Temple Award at the same time. It is very unusual for a husband and wife to both receive the awards at the same time!"



## **Part I: Brother Claire Lee Chennault: Bucking the System**

by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33°, FPS

A pundit once remarked, "Only the dead see the end of war." Some men spend their lives in the thick of battle or preparing for it. Such a man was Claire Lee Chennault, one of the truly gifted aviation personalities of the 20th century. Like General Billy Mitchell, Chennault was doomed to spend his military career striving to overcome the disapproval of an army hierarchy determined to deny a place in aviation for his tactical philosophies. Only after the fact did the world appreciate the scope and brilliance of his aviation accomplishments. Chennault truly achieved the goal of a Freemason, and all men of good will: "to live respected, and die regretted."

Chennault was born on September 6, 1890, at Commerce, Texas. He was the son of John Stonewall Jackson Chennault and his wife, Jesse Lee. She was a Louisiana native of the delta country and a distant cousin of Robert E. Lee. The Chennault paternal ancestry was French Huguenot. Claire's direct lineage is traced to one of three brothers from Alsace-Lorraine who answered LaFayette's call for volunteers to fight in the American Revolution. Claire's direct antecedent was Steven Chennault, one of that trio.

Claire grew up on the banks of the Tensas River in eastern Louisiana. From early childhood he was an avid hunter and fisherman and a devoted student of classic literature. As a young adult, he attended the Louisiana State Normal School, where he

graduated with a teaching certificate. He was initially hired to take over a country school in Athens, Louisiana, one with a chronic behavioral problem. Before Chennault could restore order in his new position, he was obliged to administer a thrashing to an overgrown 18-year-old, who bullied and dominated the entire school. It was necessary to repeat the disciplinary treatment to a number of other oversize troublemakers; but very soon, the school was quiet and orderly. An enthusiastic baseball player, Chennault organized a school team and became the pitcher. Before long, the Athens team defeated all the competition in the delta area.

Chennault enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1917, when the country entered WWI. He was accepted for officer training at Fort Benjamin Harrison, near Indianapolis, Indiana, after being deemed "unfit for flight training." The young teacher was graduated a first lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve and immediately applied for duty in the army Signal Corps. That was the branch of the service to which the air service was attached. Although assigned ground duty, Chennault wrangled his first airplane ride in 1918 and applied for pilot training after the armistice on November 11. He was accepted for flight training and was transferred to the air service of the Signal Corps, as an active reserve officer.

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Apprentice on June 6, 1921. He was passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on October 6, 1921, and raised to the Sublime Degree on May 24, 1926. It is presumed the time lapse between his second and third degree was due to an absence dictated by military duties. He became a lifelong Mason.

After completing flight training in 1919, Chennault was eventually assigned to the First Pursuit Group at Ellington Field, Texas, in 1922. A year later, he was transferred to Hawaii, where he began to actively promote his theories on aircraft detection, interception, and destruction. From the beginning, his controversial theories were regarded as radical. Nevertheless, Chennault had several articles published in magazines, which provided a forum for his theories. He was a disciple of the combat theories of the deceased WWI German flying ace, Oswald Boelcke, renowned for his legendary aviation fighting tactics. During 1935 Chennault's book, *The Role of Defensive Pursuit* was published. It hardened the opinion of the U.S. Army general staff that Chennault was a "loose cannon" and a radical troublemaker.

Nevertheless, during the early 30s, Captain Chennault was an instructor at Maxwell Field in Alabama and highly recognized as one of the army's finest pursuit pilots. He was in command of a three-pilot acrobatic team called "Three on a Flying Trapeze" and a graduate of the Air Corps Tactical School in Montgomery, Alabama. His two partners on the stunt team were sergeants Luke Williamson and Billy McDonald. As the first aerial stunt team in the military services, they gained national fame with their daring exploits, which included performing their routine with all three planes connected by ropes. They even landed while tied to each other,



demonstrating the precision of their flying performance. The aircraft of choice for the three-man team was the Boeing P12 pursuit fighter, the premier aircraft of the day.

By 1936 Chennault was suffering from a number of health problems. He was partially deaf, primarily due to countless hours in the open cockpit of a pursuit biplane. He was also suffering from chronic bronchitis, a deteriorating problem. Chennault was placed in a military hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for treatment and evaluation. He was advised to retire. Discouraged by the fact that his theories of aerial combat were totally rejected by the army, Captain Chennault resigned his commission on April 30, 1937. He was 46 years old and had not risen above the rank of



captain, although his reputation as an aviation expert was worldwide. He did have prospects of an aviation career outside of the U.S. Army. Both Germany and Russia sought his services as a civilian expert on aviation combat tactics. Russia's offer was a five-year contract with a sizable stipend. However, Chennault declined.

A third offer for Chennault's services came from Madame Chiang Kai-Shek in

the Japanese took the Marco Polo Bridge outside Peking, and the city was doomed. Chennault immediately volunteered his services to General Chiang Kai-Shek. The offer was gratefully accepted with a commission as colonel in the Chinese Air Force.

The Japanese invaded China with overwhelming force. The civil war, which had raged in China for years, was placed on hold for the common good of

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April 1937. She was the National Secretary of Aviation in China and the wife of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, the head of the Chinese National Government. The Chinese government operated an aviation training school for their air force at Loyang in Honan Province, conducted by an Italian contractor. Unsatisfied with the status of their aviation arm, the General and Madame Chiang decided to offer Claire Chennault a three-month contract to evaluate their organization and recommend a remedial program. They offered a salary of \$1,000 per month, plus expenses. Chennault agreed. He went to China, leaving a wife and four young children in Waterproof, Louisiana, a small town some 75 miles south of Vicksburg, Mississippi, just east of the Tensas River. It would be a long separation.

Very soon after Chennault assumed his new duties at Loyang, the Japanese Imperial Army invaded the northern province of Manchuria. In July 1937

the country. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and the communist warlord, Chu Teh, declared a truce for the duration. The Japanese air force roamed the China skies virtually unopposed, bombing cities mercilessly. The vaunted Mitsubishi Zero was the Japanese premier fighter. Colonel Chennault and a handful of Chinese pilots were the only opposition. At 47 years of age, Chennault proved his combat genius as a pilot, flying an obsolescent American-built P36 Curtis Hawk 75 (the precursor of the P40). Even though accurate records of enemy kills were not kept, it is estimated that Chennault shot down more than 100 Japanese planes in the years between mid-1937 and early 1941. He most certainly shot down more enemy aircraft than any pilot in WWII and destroyed countless others on the ground. However, it was never enough.

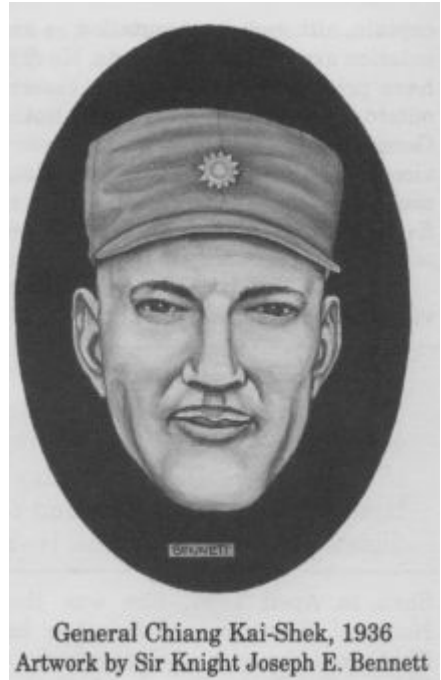
As the Japanese laid waste to coastal China, millions of refugees streamed inland in a mass migration. In one instance, fifty million Chinese carried the disassembled elements of

600 Chinese factories over a distance of 2,000 miles. The Japanese bombed refugees and nonmilitary targets of opportunity incessantly. The slaughter was endless. In January 1941 General Chiang Kai-Shek ordered Chennault to Washington, D.C., to appeal for U.S. aid; specifically, aircraft and a group of volunteer pilots. The ground work for such a volunteer force had been suggested to President Roosevelt as early as 1939, although no decision was made.

Chennault received covert permission to recruit 100 pilots and 150 aircraft mechanics from the military services during his 1941 visit, thanks to two powerful friends at the White House; presidential advisor, Thomas Gardiner Corcoran, and Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Army, navy, and marine pilots could resign their commissions to join Chennault's volunteer group without prejudice. They would be reinstated to their original rank and seniority, when and if they requested it. Each pilot contracted would be paid \$600 per month salary, plus expenses, and a bonus for every Japanese plane shot down. Among the first naval officer recruits signed were ensigns David "Tex" Hill and Ed Rector, both on duty at the Naval Station in Norfolk, Virginia. Both men became leaders on Chennault's team.

In addition to the personnel complement, the U.S. Government provided 100 P40Bs for the American Volunteer Group through the Lend Lease Program. Originally manufactured for the Swedish government, they were diverted to Chennault from the factory.

The first contingent of pilots and crewmen departed for Rangoon on a Dutch freighter July 11, 1941. Another group of 26 pilots, which included Hill and Rector, followed on a second Dutch ship a month later. Among the



full complement of pilots arriving at Rangoon, one-half were from the U.S. Navy, six from the Marine Corps, and the balance from the U.S. Air Corps. Upon arrival in China, the American Volunteer Group (AVG) began intensive training under their new commander, Colonel Claire Chennault.

Chennault had created his own book for aerial combat against the Japanese Mitsubishi A6M Zero. The conventional U.S. Air Corps method was out the window, and an updated variation of the "Dicta Bolcke" was the Chennault bible. Training started at 6:00 A.M. daily with aerial lectures on tactics. Chennault's tactics capitalized on two advantages the P40 had over the Japanese Zero. The Zero was a fast and nimble little fighter which could outmaneuver and outrun the P40. The Japanese pilots were battle

hardened veterans, with long experience in the aircraft. The Chennault tactics focused on a two-plane attack team with the wing man protecting the leader's tail. They would make a steep, diving attack out of the sun, striving to kill on the first pass. One of Boelcke's cardinal rules was not to run away after missing on the first pass but to turn into head-on pursuit. The rugged P40 could out-dive and out-gun the lighter Zero, so heavy emphasis rested on those advantages.

Although discipline on the ground was lax, it was extremely demanding in the air. Flight training was exacting and continuous, and every pilot in the AVG knew his job. The pilots wore civilian clothes with no identifying insignia, except the famous large patch on the back of their leather flight jackets. It identified the wearer as a volunteer pilot aiding the Chinese government and solicited the help of any citizen. Of course, it was a death warrant were one to fall into Japanese hands. The AVG pilots called the colorful back insignia their "blood chit."

The world-famous cow! identification on the AVG P40s was a fierce image of a shark's mouth, complete with a fearsome array of white teeth. The logo was conceived by Charlie Bond and Erik Shilling, although pilot-artist Allen Christman was often credited for the design. The AVG pilots became universally known as "Flying Tigers," and the name remained with those who flew under Chennault's command in subsequent reorganizations. The original group of Flying Tigers compiled an awesome record of flight victories for all those who followed them. During the life of the AVG, there were never more than 49 P40s airworthy at any given time. The record of those aircraft and their

pilots is one of the most brilliant achievements of American airmen.

In November 1941 General Chiang Kai-Shek relayed a message to President Roosevelt that a Japanese sneak attack on U.S. soil was imminent. No action was taken. On December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor from the air. From December 18, 1941 through July 4, 1942, the Flying Tigers destroyed 299 aircraft with at least another 300 unconfirmed victories. The AVG lost a total of eight pilots during that period. It was a monumental exhibition of superior pilots flying aircraft inferior to those of the enemy. Chennault's brilliant tactics made the difference. A comparison of tactics was provided in 1942 when the first Lockheed P38 squadron arrived in China, led by Tommy Harmon, former Michigan State football star. They engaged a Japanese force, utilizing U.S. Air Corps battle tactics of the day. All 12 P38s were lost in that initial engagement.

The Japanese attacked the port city of Rangoon in Burma on December 21, 1941, beginning a 68-day air battle which ended at the end of February 1942. During the course of the Japanese air offensive, their numerically superior force battled all three squadrons of Flying Tigers, and a British air contingent of 30 obsolete Brewster Buffaloes and ten Blenheim bombers. The battle victories of the Flying Tigers at Rangoon are included in the preceding account of aircraft they destroyed through July 3, 1942.

The complete casualty figures over the entire life of the AVG/Flying Tiger operation in China are of interest. When the group was deactivated on July 3, 1942, they had suffered a total of 21 pilots killed in action. Officially, the AVG was credited with 297

Japanese planes shot down, with a probability of nearly 600 destroyed. They had kept the key seaport of Rangoon open for two and a half months to allow an orderly withdrawal and had prevented eastern China being bombed by the Japanese.

The year of 1942 saw the Japanese Imperial Army moving toward inland Burma, defeating all resistance. On February 15 Singapore fell. At the end of February, Lt. General Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stillwell assumed overall command of the China-Burma-India Theater for U. S. Army forces. He made his headquarters at New Delhi, India. On April 29 the city of Lashio in Burma was captured by the Japanese, cutting the Burma Road into China. That had been the primary source of supply for Chennault's AVG. Now all supplies would have to be ferried over the famous "Hump" of the Himalayas by aircraft from India.

Chennault had been tremendously innovative in struggling with logistical problems. To conceal the small number of P40s he actually had in service, they were moved constantly from one location to another. They repainted the markings and propeller spinners frequently, as a ruse to create the impression they had far more aircraft than actually existed. Engine lubricants were in such short supply that the maintenance crews regularly drained and filtered oil for reuse, when supplies were unavailable.

Aircraft tires were extremely difficult to obtain, and engines were often allowed to accumulate more than 300 battle hours before any routine overhaul maintenance was performed. To facilitate the frequent aircraft relocations, Chinese laborers in large numbers were employed to construct new runways without motorized equipment.

They also performed amazing restorations on airstrips after a bombing. Invariably, they had a landing strip back in service overnight, working without machinery of any kind.

General Stillwell arrived in Karachi, India, at the end of February 1942. Chiang Kai-Shek had agreed to give Stillwell two Chinese armies to help stop the Japanese in Burma. Chennault agreed to serve under Stillwell with the rank of brigadier general. Chennault was urged to make every effort to induct all his AVG pilots into the U. S. Army. Although they worshiped Chennault, the exhausted pilots wanted an extended leave before joining the army. There were other factors that deterred the pilots from joining the Tenth Air Force as well.

They knew that General Stillwell and General Chennault disliked each other intensely and bitterly disagreed on the role of aviation. Stillwell was an infantryman and unimpressed with the idea that aircraft could influence the course of a campaign. Stillwell's aviation commander in the Tenth Air Force was General Clayton L. Bissell. He, too, was one of Chennault's most strident critics and was heartily disliked by the AVG pilots. The Tenth Air Force was, by and large, a paper force with few pilots and aircraft to conduct offensive operations.

***"Brother Claire Lee Chennault.-  
Bucking hennaul: Bucking the System"  
will continue in the August 2005 issue!***

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## 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 Templar/your 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. 11, C/O Robert P. Winterhalter, PO 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 2.5 -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 St, Westminster, CO 80003-7001, or phone (303) 430-8483

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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 7J-ennial Conclave Committee, CIO E. K Longworth; 502 Wentworth Avenue, N.E.; Roanolv; VA 24012-3.545. This is a fund-raiser for the 64th Triennial Conclave.

For sale: P. Commander's chapeau, size 7 and 3/8, and leather chapeau carrying case, \$350, CPO. uniform: coat, 44 long, and pants, waist 40-inches, inseam, 31 inches; P. Commander's sword belt, 2 inches by 40 inches long - uniform and belt, \$175; pair white gloves, 4 gold P. Commander's lapel pins, one neck tie to go with uniform. All items like new: used by P.G.C. James Parke of SD, who passed away shortly after his term. All monies to his widow, who has several outstanding medical bills. Please call PC. Alvin Dyer, (605) 642-4240

Temple Commandery No. 41, Temple, Texas, celebrated its 100th anniversary in April 2004. Gold-look commemorative coins are being sold as a fund-raiser for the Commandery. The face has a Sir Knight, dates, and name of the Commandery. Back side has cross and crown. \$10.00 each with a portion to the KTEF. Checks or MOs to Temple Commandery No. 41. Mail to C. O. Jones, 2204 Patriot Drive, Logo Vista, TX 78645, (512) 267-1388

For sale: gold-finish sword lapel pins: men's pin: 1 and 114 inches long, with red stone in the center of the hilt, \$7.00 each, and ladies' pin: 2 and 1/2 inches long, with clear stone at the top of the hilt and a red stone in the center of the hilt, \$12.00 each; prices include S & H. Check or MO to Melrose Commandery 159th Grand Conclave, 17120 Theiss Mail Road, Spring, TX 77379. e-mail becky@abercrombieacademy.com. 10% to KTEF. 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 hacks: 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, \$60, Grand Commandery, Grand Rep., \$50, Past Grand Commander (purple): \$60; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$95. Also: chapeaux crosses 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 P.C., \$40; Grand Commandery, \$45. Embroidered bullion cap crosses: silver, Sir Knight, \$40 P.C., gold, \$45. Metal cap crosses: silver, \$32; gold, \$38; Past Commander's jewel, gold plate, \$45. All plus shipping, handling, and insurance: 1st item, \$5 each additional item, \$1.00. Percentage to Knights Templar and Masonic charities. Checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., PC.; 60 Manor Road, Staten Island, P/ll' 10310-2698

For We: C.PO coats, poly-wool, summer weight; call for available sizes: (740) 927-3586. \$23.00, includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, S. W.; Pataskala; OH 43062

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 Tom Starnes, 3357 River Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044-5537, (678) 923-6776 or e-mail tonawsta@bellsouth.net. Checks to KY Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.

For sale: S.O.O.B. sports shirts: V-neck with collar, various sizes. Black shirt has S.O.O.B. emblem outlined in honey color, letters in red; white shirt emblem is in black and red. For more information and availability of sizes, contact Mrs. David Mather, 4226 Parkcrest Dr, Houston, TX 77034, (713) 947-0719 or e-mail camather12030yahoo.com Cost is \$33.00 plus \$5.00 for shipping.

Thanks to all the Brethren who responded to my prior ad about taking Masonic and police items on consignment to sell on eBay. The response has been so overwhelming that I don't expect to be able to serve any new clients until late summer or early fall. I'm still interested in collecting DeMolay and law enforcement items. Lawrence Baird, P.M. and Senior DeMolay; P.O. Box 1459; Moreno Valley, CA 92557.

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 Mi,td4' Georgia York Rite Bodies; Charles E. Smith, Chairman; 6559 Cypress Drive; Eastman; GA 31023; e-mail chuck.e.smith@us.army.mil

For sale: Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of New York is selling medallions commemorating the 180th anniversary of the opening of the Erie and Champlain canals. P.G.H.P. Ezra Ames is on the face, and the New York State logo is on the rear. Supply is limited, and medallions are available for \$31.00, postpaid. Checks payable to and order from Walter J. Hilsenbeck, 32 New York Avenue, Massapequa, NY 11758-4818

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 hand-crafted 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. Check or MO to Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217 and mail to Harry A. Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail [harry217@bigfoot.com](mailto:harry217@bigfoot.com)

For sale: peel-off, vinyl, royal blue square and compass decals designed to fit on your license plate or window, 2 inches high, 1 inch wide. 6 vinyl decals for \$5.00, postpaid. Also, approx. 4-inch reflective-chrome, vinyl square and compass 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

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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 KTEF.

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

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Mason and Sir Knight in Canada wishes to hear from his Brother Masons and Sir Knights who collect Masonic postal covers, baseball postal covers, football covers. I would also like to hear from any Brother who knows of Masons involved in baseball, football, and other sports and would be interested in hearing from Brothers who have pictures of Masonic players in baseball or Brothers involved in baseball. I will answer all requests. Peter J. Westbere, 21 Cadillac Drive, Guelph, Ontario, N1E 2B4, Canada

## **Meditation**

For Freemasonry has bestowed upon man, its thesis, its compassionate reasoning, its moral precepts, and then placed them gently upon the Mantle of the Earth, for all of humanity to witness.

Hence, Brethren, Freemasonry has been so designed, *parti pris* (a position resolved upon) by the Elders, as to provide man with a true perception of his very own life, and would henceforth, forever change the way he would look upon his fellow man, or perceive the world in which we live.

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