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Sir Knight Donald H. Smith, Past Grand Master (1985–1988) of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, examines a ceremonial Templar sword that belonged to Robert G. Boggs. The sword is part of an exhibit in the Richmond, Kentucky, history museum in Irvine-McDowell Park. The exhibit also includes a jacket from Governor James B. McCreary's Knight Templar uniform. The story starts on page 5.

Grand Master's Message for August 2005

One year! There is one year left in this triennium - one year until we meet in Houston. There is much work left to be done, but it will be done!

The 63rd Triennial Conclave Committee is busy at work planning a great meeting. We will meet in Houston, Texas, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on August 11 through 16, 2006, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

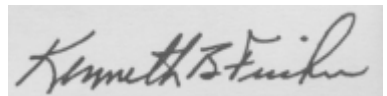
Many interesting and enjoyable activities are being arranged. For example, there will be tours of places of interest in the Houston area, such as Space Center Houston, prior to the beginning of the activities and meetings.

The Field Drill Competition will conclude with a Texas Barbecue and Dance on Saturday evening, August 12. Drill teams are being formed in states which have never had drill teams in the past, and we look forward to greeting them.

We are offering training for judges and captains during the Department Conferences starting this fall. You should let your Department Commander know if you wish to participate in that training.

All voting delegates will receive an invitation, a packet of registration forms, and information on the Conclave from me just after the first of the year 2006. All others will find the same information on the Grand Encampment web site about the same time.

Other information relative to the activities to be held during that week will be included in this magazine as we progress to that time. Make your plans now to join us. We are planning to make you happy that you did!



Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



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

AUGUST Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer looks forward to greeting all at the 63rd Triennial Conclave to be held in Houston, Texas, August 11-16, 2006. See his message on page 2 for information that will facilitate your planning. The Grand Encampment plans to resume the Holy Land Pilgrimage early in 2006. Read about the plans on page 8, and don't miss the article that follows on page 9 by an enthusiastic pastor and Sir Knight, who was a recipient of a Grand Encampment trip to the Holy Land. Continuing our coverage of contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, you will find a breakdown of Grand Commandery contributions on page 10, followed by listings of new KTEF club members starting on page 11. If you have doubts that the Knights Templar are alive and well, read the article on page 5 and be encouraged! The conclusion of the story of Brother Claire Lee Chennault starts on page 25, and you won't want miss the story of Brother Edd Roush, Cincinnati's great baseball hitter.

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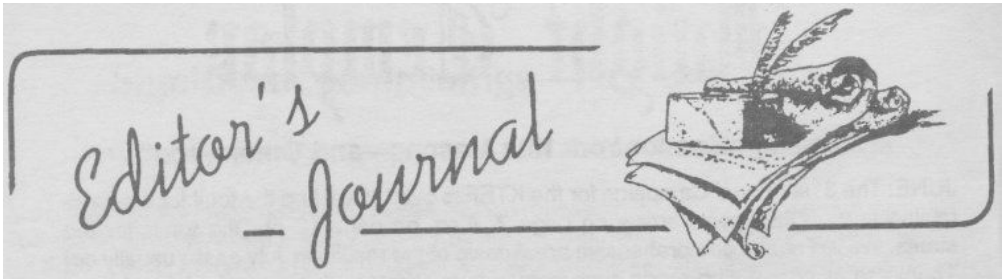
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Attention: all Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 2005 (December for NH); or Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November issue, Knight Templar magazine will again present pictures 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!

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

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

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

A Knight Templar magazine Index, including all previous indexes and covering the years, 1969-1999, is now available at a price of \$5.00, plus \$2.50 postage - total, \$7.50. This is your chance to invest at a bargain price in the index which covers main articles of the magazine from 1969 to the turn of the century.

A Pilgrim's Path: **Freemasonry and the Religious Right:** This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is available as a hardbound copy. The book is available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 S & H. Born in Blood The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$17.00, including S & H. Dungeon, Fire, and Sword;- This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.50 S & H (\$23.50).

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

Pins: Malta pins and red or green widow's pins are \$5.00 each. You may order ANY quantity - even just one.

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<http://www.knightstemplar.org>

The Real Knights Templar Still Practicing Ancient Ideals of Service

from a story by Feature Writer Bill Robinson
Richmond Register of Richmond, Kentucky

According to the movie, *National Treasure*, the Knights Templar acquired ancient treasure in the Middle East and brought it to North America where it was hidden in a cellar deep below a Manhattan church.

A best selling novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, is a thriller that portrays the Knights Templar as part of a conspiracy to conceal a relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene that produced a child from whom the Merovingian kings of France descended.

Such fantastic stories sell books and movie tickets, but are they true? Several books have already been written to point out factual errors and unsubstantiated claims in *The Da Vinci Code*.

Who were the Knights Templar? Are they still around?

Yes, Knights Templar are still with us, and they're right here in Richmond! You might not be aware of them, however, because they quietly go about doing good deeds and don't seek glory for themselves.

Humanitarian Work

Members of the modern Knights Templar, a branch of Freemasonry that emerged in England during the early 1700s, seek to exemplify the ideals of service to both God and man as practiced by a chivalric order of Crusader knights nearly 900 years ago.

However, the contemporary organization claims no organic connection to the medieval knights whose orders were suppressed by the kings of France and England.

The humanitarian work of the Templars today includes paying for eye surgery for those who can't afford it, funding eye research, and providing educational loans and scholarships to students in their last 2 years of college, said Past Grand Master Donald H. Smith of Richmond.

Since its inception, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has spent more than \$35 million to provide medical treatment for those unable to afford it. More than 44,000 people

About the cover picture:

Past Grand Master Donald H. Smith is shown with a sword that belonged to Robert G. Boggs and a Templar jacket that belonged to Governor James B. McCreary, a Richmond native who was a 2-time governor of Kentucky and also served in Congress and the U.S. Senate. The jacket is on loan from James Shannon. The sword is from the Dorris Collection of Eastern Kentucky University. All pictures are by Nancy Taggart, photographer for the *Richmond Register* of Richmond, Kentucky

have directly benefited from this financial assistance.

While a member of the Knights Templar must be a Christian and a Mason, the KTEF provides assistance to anyone who needs it, regardless of race, color, creed, age, or national origin.

Helping Pilgrims

The name "Templars" was first given to an order of knights formed in the 12th century to protect Christian pilgrims traveling to and from Jerusalem. After control of the Holy City was wrested from the Muslims in the First Crusade, pilgrims were frequently ambushed by Muslim fighters as well as common criminals.

The knights called themselves "Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ." Because their Jerusalem headquarters was located on Mount Moriah, near the site of Solomon's temple, they became known as Knights of the Temple or Knights Templar.

To give pilgrims safe place to stay during their travels, the Templars erected "lodges" along the paths between Western Europe and Jerusalem. These knights earned the appreciation and trust of those they protected.

However, the kings of France and England came to fear the Templars because the people trusted the Knights more than their monarchs.

Not quite a century after its founding, Phillip the Fair, king of France, brutally suppressed the Templar order. Most Templar leaders were executed, and their grand master, Jacques DeMolay, was burned at the stake. Funds which travelers and others had entrusted to the Templars were seized by the king.

Later, the king of England blamed the Peasants Revolt on the Templars, and he suppressed their order in his kingdom.

Local History

While the ancient knights are no more, their faith, courage, and dedication to service are still practiced today by men known as Knights Templar.

The first Kentucky "encampment" of Knights Templar formed in Lexington in 1822. A local unit of the Templars, then called a commandery, was organized in Richmond in 1875 and continues today.

Richmond's James B. McCreary, an officer in John Hunt Morgan's Confederate cavalry who was a 2-term governor of Kentucky as well as a congressman and U.S. senator, was a Knight Templar.

McCreary's Templar uniform, which he wore for ceremonial occasions, is now displayed in Richmond's local history museum at Irvine-McDowell Park. The uniform's sleeves and collars are highlighted with the red cross of the Knights Templar.

A Knights Templar sword, which belonged to Robert G. Boggs, a contemporary of McCreary's, is also part of the exhibit.

McCreary would have worn his uniform and carried a sword when he figured prominently in the Knights Templar Triennial Conclave, which drew 35,000 Templars from across the country to Louisville in 1901. A parade of 10,000 Templars marched through downtown Louisville as an estimated 300,000 spectators observed.

Despite the splendid uniforms and plumed hats they still wear for special occasions, today's Templars

hardly resemble medieval warriors. You're more likely to see a Knight raising funds for a Boy Scout troop or serving as an usher in his church.

Sir Knight Donald H. Smith

During his 3-year term as Grand Master of Knights Templar of the US, Sir Knight Smith managed to visit Templar commanderies in each of the contiguous 48 states. Before coming to Richmond and EKU in the mid 1960s, Sir Knight Smith served more than 22 years with the US Army, which he joined in December 1941, the week after the Pearl Harbor attack.

A lieutenant colonel of military police, one of Smith's last assignments was serving as US Army provost marshal in Vietnam.

As a Templar leader, Smith was instrumental in creating a new area of service for the order. In addition to supporting education and eye surgery for the needy, the Knights Templar have, since 1976, sent many Christian ministers on tours of the Holy Land.

Before the recent violence in the Middle East put the program on hold, the Knights Templar have, since 1976, sent 100 American clergymen on 10-day tours of the Holy Land each year.

"Two groups of 50 would go each year," Smith said. "The local commandery was responsible for their transportation to New York, and the national organization paid for the rest."

Thanks to the Knights Templar, two ministers of Smith's church, Berea Baptist, have been able to tour the Holy Land.



Right top: The initials RGB on the handle of this ceremonial sword stand for Robert G. Boggs, a member of the Knights Templar. Right bottom: The uniform of former Kentucky Governor James B. McCreary of Richmond features a white sash with a badge displaying the red cross of the Knights Templar which is also on cuffs and collar.

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A Message from the Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage

Our Mission: to send to the Holy Land ordained Christian ministers who would not otherwise have an opportunity to go.

Our Goal: to send 90 ordained Christian ministers on the 25th Holy Land Pilgrimage in February/March 2006.

To: Chairmen of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committees of the Grand Commanderies:

Grand Master and Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer has asked us to get quotations and make plans for the 25th Holy Land Pilgrimage to take place in early 2006. The dates will be: 1st section: **February 21-March 3**, and 2nd section: **March 7-17**. (Travel date preference will be honored on a first-come, first-serve basis.)

The cost is approximately **\$1,600**, which includes round-trip airfare from and to Lagueardia International Airport; three meals per day; our English speaking guide, Ezra Eini; entrance fees to all sights; all tipping and airport tax.

We had a total of 80 reservations at our last count of ministers you wanted to send on the 25th Holy Land Pilgrimage, but that was four (4) years ago.

Because this count is four years old, we ask you to reverify the names and addresses of the ministers you plan to send in 2006. Please send to Fred Lesley the following information:

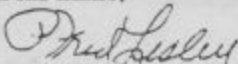
- > the number of ministers you plan to send no later than **August 15, 2005**
- > the names and addresses of the minister(s) by **September 15, 2005**
- > the questionnaire for ministers, registration form, and certificate of agreement, if you have not already sent this information to Fred by **October 15, 2005**

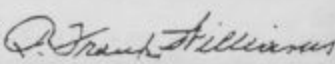
It is possible that you will be required to send a \$100.00 refundable deposit to secure air space. We will let you know.

We are accepting additional reservations for this 25th Holy Land Pilgrimage.

As always, we thank you for your continued prayerful support of this great Christian program.

In his name,


P. Fred Lesley, Servant


R. Frank Williams, Servant

Holy Land Pilgrimage from the Perspective of a Pastor and Sir Knight

by Reverend Kenneth D. Fuller, KTCH, P.G.C. of DC



I can't imagine what folks in my wealthy, highly educated, world traveling, media savvy, well connected, over extended congregation thought when five men in black uniforms decorated with crosses red and purple came to church that January morning. The only two men who were Masons (at that time!) were away that day. The rest of the doctors, lawyers, diplomats, lobbyists, professors, and business folks had never heard of the Knights Templar, nor had they ever seen uniforms quite like these.

I do know what they said when I returned with a renewed, excited energy to my preaching. They commented on the changes. They noted that I helped them to see Jesus more clearly, to understand the geography and the geology and the flora and fauna of the Holy Land, and to place Jesus in a concrete historical and physical context.

It is one thing to read the words of the Bible. It is quite another to taste them, smell them, see them, hear them, and feel them: to see the almond tree in silver bloom as the earliest sign of springtime, to taste the fish from Saint Peter's boat, to feel the wet of the River Jordan, to smell the rose of Sharon and the dust of the Sinai, to hear the waves of the Mediterranean break on the shore by Joppa.

We as Knights Templar are called to a very special ministry. This is not a charity- it is a ministry WE perform. We do not send ministers to the Holy Land, WE TAKE THEM! We show them where Jesus trod, we feed them the manna of biblical reality, and they drink from the springs of God's living spirit.

We show them the Holy Land as it is today with its strife and pain. We introduce them to Israelis and Palestinians. They see Israeli kibbutzim and settlements as well as traditional Palestinian villages and Bedouin tribesmen. Our Pilgrims are there as witnesses for peace and brotherhood to both communities. We plant trees in Israel, and we bring books for Christian schools in Palestine.


I know of no other ministry ordained by God which is so inclusive. The Holy Land Pilgrimage is the most ecumenical such ministry. Among the ministers we have guided to the Holy Land have been Roman Catholic priests, fundamentalist ministers, and Orthodox pastors. We send pastors from mainline denominations like the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopalian. We send liberal ministers from the Unitarian denomination and charismatic and holiness pastors from independent and denominational churches. They come from city and country churches, large churches and small churches. Men and women pastors from all over our beloved country break bread together, worship and study scripture together, and pray together. Ministers who would not talk to each other at home become companions in Pilgrimage. This in itself would be a blessed ministry.

But this is not the end we seek. It is but the means. The goal of our Holy Land Pilgrimage is to take ministers to the Holy Land so that their

preaching and teaching of the life and times of Jesus can be renewed. Their new understanding of the Old and New Testaments is for the benefit of the men and women and children who sit in the church pews of our nation. Every minister we send to the Holy Land preaches to hundreds, if not thousands, of men, women, and children every year, and they do so year after year. No minister can go on this Pilgrimage and not be profoundly changed by it. No minister can walk in Jesus' footsteps without understanding Christ's way more deeply and clearly. Every minister we send is able to serve the people of God in a more dynamic and faithful way. Is there a ministry like this anywhere else? No! We should be rightly proud of this ministry and properly humbled at the responsibility it entails.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee has announced that our Pilgrimages will be resumed this winter. Let us all renew our efforts to recruit ministers as candidates for the Pilgrimage and then fund this ministry that is so essential to our very obligation as Knights Templar.

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IN MEMORIAM			
		Arthur Joseph Levesque Massachusetts/Rhode Island Grand Commander—1987 Born: June 14, 1922 Died: November 10, 2004	
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KTEF Contributions from the Grand Commanderies			
<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>37th Annual Voluntary Campaign</u>	<u>Estates and Trusts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Alabama	\$12,124.67		\$12,124.67
Alaska	1,358.00	\$17,484.62	18,842.62
Arizona	10,654.00	43,396.03	54,050.03
Arkansas	4,635.00		4,635.00
California	37,141.97	157,101.43	194,243.40
Colorado	13,923.52		13,923.52
Connecticut	11,695.03		11,695.03
Delaware	2,845.75		2,845.75
District of Columbia	4,021.00		4,021.00
Florida	15,324.06	91,052.63	106,376.69
Georgia	55,976.17	1,000.00	56,976.17
Idaho	5,745.75		5,745.75
Illinois	28,728.09	51,609.05	80,337.14
Indiana	10,082.00		10,082.00

Iowa	27,778.50	4,399.45	32,177.95
Kansas	6,457.67	205.30	6,662.97
Kentucky	20,698.38		20,698.38
Louisiana	12,933.20		12,933.20
Maine	9,823.42	1,621.68	11,445.10
Maryland	16,879.25		16,879.25
Mass./R.I.	45,518.25	1,319.00	46,837.25
Michigan	8,552.00	7,383.92	15,935.92
Minnesota	6,451.00		6,451.00
Mississippi	5,629.60		5,629.60
Missouri	11,619.53	2,876.40	14,495.93
Montana	3,643.13		3,643.13
Nebraska	5,384.12		5,384.12
Nevada	5,831.00		5,831.00
New Hampshire	9,570.07	64,366.41	73,936.48
New Jersey	5,337.00		5,337.00
New Mexico	6,459.50		6,459.50
New York	13,297.40		13,297.40
North Carolina	9,393.69	4,383.12	13,776.81
North Dakota	1,095.00		1,095.00
Ohio	37,807.26	198,006.98	235,814.24
Oklahoma	11,136.03		11,136.03
Oregon	13,843.00	58,089.01	71,932.01
Pennsylvania	57,223.37	1,344.80	58,568.17
South Carolina	16,003.59	33,330.67	49,334.26
South Dakota	2,475.27	75,917.87	78,393.14
Tennessee	39,533.03		39,533.03
Texas	55,575.74	145,152.88	200,728.62
Utah	10,016.00		10,016.00
Vermont	3,967.00		3,967.00
Virginia	29,012.55		29,012.55
Washington	8,486.15		8,486.15
West Virginia	10,947.04	1,000.00	11,947.04
Wisconsin	9,981.84		9,981.84
Wyoming	7,158.00		7,158.00

NEW MEMBERS OF KTEF CLUBS

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 No. 102,213—Lloyd D. Coover (PA)
 No. 102,214—Edwin M. Lindke (TX)

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Thanks to the KTEF...

I have just had cataract and lens replacement surgery; and I can see again! I really appreciate people like you who can help with the cost. The Lord sent people like you to help others, and I hope that they appreciate it as much as I do. To see again is like a little bit of heaven! May God Bless you!

*Denise Akers
West Jefferson, Ohio*

Colorado Fund-raiser Benefits the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



This hand-quilted, queen-size quilt will be auctioned off on Saturday, September 10, 2005, at the Colorado York 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 bedding starts on September 10. The opening bid has been set at \$500.

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Florida Knights Templar Give Mayoral Swearing-in Ceremony a New Look

by Sir Knight Charles Chic Cicero, E.G.St.B.
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida



Stephen M. Witt raises his right hand and is joined by his wife Jodi (right), while City Clerk Audrey Sikes swears the new mayor into office at City Hall Tuesday, May 24, 2005. Vice Mayor and Councilman George Ward, who has acted as mayor for more than three months, and Knights Templar honor guard look on.

Members of Lake City Commandery No. 39 were part of a swearing-in ceremony for Stephen M. Witt to officially become the new Mayor of Lake City, Florida, on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. In attendance were Sir Knight Jerry R. Morgan, V. Em. Deputy Grand Commander, and Sir Knights Charles Beecher, P.C., and Stan Steinhauser. Sir Knights Morgan and Beecher formed an honor guard for the City Council at City Hall during the entire ceremony. Well before the new mayor was elected, Sir Knight Morgan asked the city and each of the original five candidates if the Knights Templar could be part of the swearing-in ceremony, and all agreed.

Sir Knight Morgan, who was interviewed by the local newspaper, *The Lake City Reporter*, explained to journalist Justin Lang that the Knights Templar is a Christian Masonic organization seeking to be more visible and active in the community. He went on to describe the history, values, and principles of the order, explaining that the Knights Templar is the only Christian Masonic organization with roots that stretch back to the Crusades of the Middle Ages.

"This is our first attempt to let people know who we are," Sir Knight Morgan told the *Reporter* at the mayoral ceremony. Sir Knight Morgan said that he wanted more people to know about both the Knights Templar and the Masons in general, which many have mistakenly viewed as shrouded in secrecy. He said that the goal is to get out from "behind the four walls" and end that conception, describing the order as a brotherhood. "We take care of one another and help each other as much as we can."

The Sir Knights who were present at the ceremony are to be commended for contributing to good public relations for the order. Their good judgment, persistence, and perseverance exemplify the ideals of our order: that we as Knights Templar can show our colors and what we stand for, and make the public proud that such an organization exists in their community



Dressed in full regalia, Sir Knight Jerry R. Morgan (left), V.E.D.G.C., and Sir Knight Charles Beecher (right), P.C., members of Lake City Commandery No. 39, stand solemnly before the mayoral swearing-in ceremony at City Hall.

Hugh de Payen No. 7, Riverton, Wyoming—Black Horse Troop

The Black Horse Troop is mounted and in the public eye. In March 2005 the troop presented the colors at the Wyoming State Championship Chariot Races in Dubois, Wyoming.

The troop did its various maneuvers down the quarter-mile track with eight mounted Knights, culminating in a quarter left wheel to the crowd, and the colors were given to military personnel and posted. The troop then lined up eight



abreast, remained mounted on their black horses, and executed present swords while the National Anthem was played. Left to right: Sir Knights Kim Kurasz, Gale Rose, Bob Finley, Dave Brant (US flag bearer), Phillip Cross (Troop Commander and Wyoming State flag bearer), Bill Finley, Justin Wilson, and Doug Johnson.

S.O.O.B. Members Celebrate 55th Anniversary of Shreveport, LA Couple

Shown at the 55th anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Roy May are the happy couple (to right in the picture at top of page 14) and members of S.O.O.B. from around the country. Mrs. May is the Recorder of Shreveport Assembly No. 60. Pictured are: Mrs. Jerrrell Jones, KTEF general chairman, and Mrs. Lloyd

Carpenter, W.P., both from McKinney No. 263, Texas; Mrs. Manfred Johnscher, W.P., Mrs. Gilbert Morrison, Mrs. Larry Ledbetter and Mrs. Pat Dickson of Shreveport No. 260; and Mrs. Richard Young and P.S.W.P. Mrs. Keith Dean of Tampa No. 208, Tampa, Florida. The Mays hosted an open house attended by over 75 people



**Manchester Commandery No. 40, Hillsboro, Tennessee
Presents \$6,500 Check to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

For the second year in a row, Manchester Commandery No. 40 has presented a monumental check to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee. This year at the 144th Annual Conclave, the Commandery topped their donation of \$6,000 for the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the KTEF by donating \$6,500 to the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign.

Once again, the primary source of this year's donation was from the sale of a late 1800's Knight Templar apron lapel pin and 5 other pins. All profits go to the KTEF. (See the ad for the pins, which continue to be available, on page 24.)

Through the efforts of Sir Knights Dale E. Loudemilk, KYCH; Garry L. Carter, P.C., Recorder; and several other Sir Knights the sale of the lapel pins has propelled this small Commandery to being one of the top contributors to the KTEF.

Sales have been to Sir Knights in all of the 50 states and the Virgin Islands.

The Commandery is quite proud that last year's \$52.37 per capita donation will be exceeded this year.

Below in the picture taken at the Conclave are Sir Knights, left to right: Howard Ketron Jack Akard, then R.E.G.C.; Dale E. Loudemilk, PC., KYCH Gerald Wood, PC.; Ben Surrent., PC., State Chairman KTEF; Garry L Carter, P.C., Recorder Harold Scott, G. Recorder. Sir Knights Loudemilk, Wood and Carter are members of Manchester No. 40. (submitted by Sir Knight Joseph Warshawsky, PC., Chairman of PR, Grand Commandery)



Chivalry And Freemasonry

Rarely does one connect **Chivalry** with **Freemasonry**, yet there is one branch of the fraternity which places great stress on Chivalry and those virtues which go to make up a chivalric character.

We refer to that great order known as Knights of the Temple or Knights Templar.

The original Knights of the Temple were Christian warriors; they were men of Faith, inspired with love of God and the Church. The story of their exploits, their adventures, their self-sacrifice, and their accomplishments read as a page from a story book.

There is nothing so appealing in all history as the story of those great Crusades, fostered by the Catholic Church but actually carried on through the great chivalric orders of that day. The object of the Crusades was to wrest the Holy Land and the sacred spots of Christian history from the Moslem.

The Crusade period marked a new era in the life of the world. It brought the Eastern and Western worlds together. The evils and the virtues of the East were brought to the West, and vice versa. But the greatest thing which emerged through these conflicts of Christian and Saracen was the virtue of Charity. The Knights of the Temple and the Knights Hospitaller were the American Red Cross organization of that day. For the first time in the history of war, men began to think of aiding others. Many are the deeds of charity recounted, not only between those of Christian faith, but extending from Christian to Moslem.

Thus did this era usher in those homely virtues of Charity, Hospitality, and Universal Benevolence.

Today the warlike character of the Knights of old has disappeared; no more is it thought necessary to engage in useless struggle over holy sites and places, and no more is it believed necessary to fight men of other nations in order to convert them to our religious way of thinking.

But the same feelings of Love, and Truth, and Charity, and Hospitality, and Universal Benevolence still remain in the human heart, and the world at large is benefited by any group which encourages such essential needs of mankind.

Thus has grown the Order of the Temple. Knights of today claim no direct legal descent from these ancient knights of old, yet they do claim to carry on the virtues for which they fought, bled, and died. No longer is it necessary to fight with material weapons, for today "the pen is mightier than the sword," and the weapon of a knight of today is the influence of a good life carried out as set forth in the New Dispensation - that we love one another.

And you ask: "Just what place does the Templar order hold in respect to other branches of Freemasonry?"

And we reply: "A most important part." To the Christian Freemason it represents the summit of the teachings of the Craft. While in no way minimizing the teachings of the symbolic degrees, yet to him the Order of the Temple conveys the essence of Masonic teachings and is the Christian interpretation of the symbols of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Sanctioned by Grand Lodge

The Grand Lodge of York in 1780 gave its sanction to the working of five separated degrees or orders:

The Entered Apprentice
The Fellowcraft
The Master Mason
The Royal Arch
The Knight Templar

Even the United Grand Lodge of England, mother of all regular and legitimate Freemasonry in the world, set forth at the time of the Union:

"It is declared and pronounced that pure and Ancient Craft Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, namely, those of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, including the Holy Royal Arch."

And that the Grand Lodge might not create any misconstruction of their declaration, it was added:

"This article is not intended to prevent any Lodge or Chapter from holding meetings in any of the degrees of Chivalry, according to the Constitution of said Order."

Thus, the Order of the Temple was given an official place and standing in the structure of Freemasonry.

During the early and unwritten history of the Fraternity, there was a strong tone of Christianity which ran throughout the Symbolic structure, but by the time Anderson published his Constitutions, Christianity was virtually taken out of the ritual and Constitutions, because of a great desire to make the fraternity such as might be acceptable to men of **any** religion. (*continued in the September 2005 issue*)

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Past Presidents, S.O.O.B., Present 50-Year Pin in Minnesota



In the picture to left, (Mrs. Hans) Marjorie Engebretson, P.P. and Recorder of Minneapolis Assembly No. 46, S.O.O.B., gives (Mrs. Lawrence) Vicki Mortenson her 50-year pin. Mrs. Mortenson served as Worthy President of St. Paul Assembly No. 53 in 1960. (St. Paul consolidated with Minneapolis in 1992.) Mrs. Mortenson was Chairman of the Supreme Jewelry Committee for (Mrs. Clarence) Marie Fagerstrom, P.S.W.P., in 1972. She was also an excellent ritualist and helped with installations in many of the surrounding Assemblies.

Below, left to right: Mrs. Joan Kuiper, (Mrs. Lawrence) Vicki Mortenson, (Mrs. Hans) Marjorie Engebretson, and (Mrs. Howard) Lorraine Smith, all Past Presidents, Minneapolis No. 46.



Judy Limas, S.W.P., S.O.O.B., Visits Honolulu Assembly No. 133

In May of 2005, (Mrs. Elo E.) Judy Limas, Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., made her official visit to Hawaii's Honolulu No. 133. Two new members were initiated. At right, left to right, are: W.P. (Mrs. Cletus M. T.) Sylvia Ching (also S. Color Bearer) of No. 133; new members: (Mrs. James S.) Sally Norris and (Mrs. Bruce H.) Jill Bonnell; and the Supreme Worthy President, (Mrs. Elo) Judy Limas.



Pictured at left, left to right, are members of Honolulu No. 133, S.W.P. Judy Limas, and visiting members: (Mrs. Wilburn) Geraldine Ashwood from Baytown Assembly No. 153, Texas, and Mrs. Jackie Graham from Omaha No. 91, Nebraska.

Brother Edd Roush: The Pride of Redland Field

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

Not many major league baseball players could say that they hit .320 or better for ten straight years. One of those who accomplished that feat was Edd Roush of the Cincinnati Reds.

An Indiana farm boy whose career spanned some eighteen years in the big time and who made it into Baseball's Hall of Fame in 1962, Roush was also a Mason for seventy-one years.

The teams he played on at the time also had several members of the fraternity on them.

Edd J. Roush was a lifelong resident of Oakland City, Indiana, where he was born on May 8, 1893. The Roushs were originally Palatinate Germans who migrated to America in 1735; many of the second generation settled on both sides of the Ohio Valley counties of Meigs and Gallia in Ohio and Mason and Jackson in [West] Virginia. Others scattered farther down the river including southern Indiana.

Edd and his twin brother Fred were the only children of William C. Roush, who had been a pretty good semipro base-baller himself dating back to the 1880s; however, by the time the sons came along, William Roush owned and operated a dairy farm just outside of Oakland City.

Edd and Fred learned to play baseball while taking breaks from their farm labors when "the horse got hot" and needed a rest.

Local towns in much of middle America had baseball teams. About 1909 when one of the players for the



hometown Oakland City Walk-Overs failed to appear, Edd got his chance to play; he got two hits and became a regular.

After a dispute in 1911, he left the hometown team and played for Princeton, twelve miles distant. Midway through 1912, still another move led to his becoming a full-fledged professional when he signed with the minor league team of Evansville.

Playing in forty-one games, the teenager batted .284. A natural left-hander, he had earlier learned to throw with either hand, but when he went professional, he finally got a left-handed glove.

Edd Roush began the 1913 season with Evansville, but because he sported a .317 batting average, the Chicago White Sox purchased his contract, and he made his major league debut on August 20, 1913.

After getting only one hit in the American League, the Sox sent him

to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the balance of the season. Roush began looking for greener pastures.

He found them in the newly organized Federal League whose promoters claimed major league status. Even though major league executives threatened to ban players who joined the new outfit, Edd Roush signed a contract at \$225 monthly with Indianapolis.

This team ended up winning a close pennant race primarily on the strength of a super season by Benny Kauff, who led the league in batting average, runs, hits, doubles, and stolen bases. Roush played in only 74 games but hit a respectable .333.

However, the team lost money, peddled Kauff to the Brooklyn Feds, and shifted the franchise to Newark, New Jersey. This gave Edd a chance to play regularly, and he hit a respectable .298.

The Federal League folded after only two seasons, but some of the best players including Kauff, Bush, and Newark player-manager Bill McKechnie all went to the New York Giants.

Baseball historians have considered Roush to have been the best young player to come out of the Federal League.

Edd Roush clearly was unhappy as a Giant, partly because of his dislike of New York and even more because of his antipathy for John McGraw and his managerial style.

As a result, he was delighted when Bill McKechnie (of Orient Lodge No. 590 in Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania), Christy Mathewson (of Architect Lodge No. 519 in New York City), and himself were traded to Cincinnati on July 20, 1916.

Mathewson was a fading star and wanted a chance to manage. He was surprised to find out that McGraw had told Matty that he should put



Roush in the Reds' outfield regularly. The Hoosier responded by batting .289 for the remainder of the season.

That winter Edd Roush became a Mason joining Oakland City Lodge No. 467. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on February 9, 1917; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on February 20, and was raised a Master Mason on March 1, 1917. He would remain a member of this lodge for the remainder of his life, a total of seventy-one years, and be a seasonally active one for the rest of his playing days.

Roush had married Essie May Swallow back in April 1914, and the Roushs also became parents that year as their only daughter, Mary Evelyn, was born in August 1917.

That same year would also inaugurate Bush's "golden decade" on the playing field as he led the National League in batting with a .341 average living up to McGraw's expectations.

With their new manager, the once lowly Reds experienced their first winning season since 1909. In 1918 they rose to third place with Roush batting .333 in a season cut short by WWI.

There were a couple of dark spots: Matty had problems with Hal Chase, later termed "baseball's biggest crook," and accused "Prince Hal" of throwing games, and Matty himself entered military service in August leaving third baseman Heinie Groh to finish out the season.

Matty incurred health problems that subsequently shortened his life. Still, the Reds had hopes for 1919.

With club owner, August "Garry" Herrmann unable to make contact with his manager in the winter of 1918-1919, he hired former Phillies manager, Pat Moran, in his place. The Reds, largely with the team that Mathewson had put together, won both the National League championship and the World Series.

Roush again led the league with a .321 average.

It has been pointed out that a high proportion of this team already were or would become Masons. Brother Edd Roush anchored the outfield flanked by Greasy Neale on one side (of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 3 in Parkersburg, West Virginia) and Rube Bressler (of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 in Cincinnati) on the other. Pat Duncan (of Trowel Lodge No. 132 in Jackson, Ohio) came up to help out in the last month of the season. The infield had Jake Daubert (of Reliance Lodge No. 776 in Brooklyn, New York) at first, Larry Kopf (of Centennial Lodge No. 118 in New Britain, Connecticut) at shortstop, and Heinie Groh (of E. T. Carson Lodge No. 598 in Cincinnati) at third. Ivy Wingo (of Norcross Lodge No. 228 in Georgia) split the catching chores, and one of the starting pitchers



Roush in the Reds' outfield

was Ray Fisher (of Union Lodge No. 2 in Middlebury, Vermont).

While going all the way to the World Championship, their victory would always be somewhat tainted by the Black Sox scandal. Roush always contended that the Reds would have won anyway, and some baseball historians have concurred, although of course the truth can never be known.

Edd Roush continued to play good ball all through the early twenties.

The Reds won no more pennants although they managed to stay competitive

in every season except 1921, when they fell to sixth place.

The Hoosier center fielder gained a reputation for his individualism. He hated spring training and found ways to avoid it, usually by not signing his contract until the start of the season. Edd argued that he stayed in shape by hunting in the off-season.

Some of his holdouts were more serious; once he missed the first three weeks of the season, in 1922 he held out until July 23, playing in only forty-six games that year, and in 1930 back with the Giants he held out the entire year.

Manager Pat Moran died before the 1924 season, and the Reds hired Jack Hendricks to replace him.

Roush considered his new boss a novice at baseball knowledge and one who also showed favoritism to the Catholics on the squad. Finally, they had words (as Roush recalled in an interview with baseball historian Eugene Murdock): "The backbone of this ball-club are all Masons, and you don't hear anybody say a ... word about the Masons do you? We don't brag about it."

Roush had a point. At that time those who already were or soon would be Masons included: pitching aces Eppa Rixey (Kilwinning No. 356 in Cincinnati), Carl Mays (Canyon City No. 34 in Oregon), reliever Jake May (Wendell No. 565 in North Carolina), "Bubbles" Hargrave (Trinne No. 190 in St. Paul, Minnesota), infielders Sammy Bohne (Lincoln No. 470 in San Francisco) and Hugh Critz (Greenwood No. 135 in Mississippi) and outfielder Curt Walker (Beeville No. 261 in Texas).

After that, conditions improved, although Roush still never cared much for Hendricks, so it was no surprise that when his three year contract expired after the 1926 season, he was traded back to the New York Giants.

Although unhappy, he blamed neither club President Garry Herrmann ("he was all right, he was a Shriner") nor his son-in-law Sid Well.

As Giant property, Edd Roush wasn't sure he could play for John McGraw, but they finally agreed on a three-year contract at \$70,000. The Little Napoleon had mellowed somewhat and left him alone, and Roush gave him two good years hitting .304 in 1927 and .324 in 1929. Plagued with injuries in 1928, he missed most of the season and hit only .252.

Despite his good season in 1929, Charles Stoneham wanted to cut his salary (by either \$7,500 or \$10,000 depending on the sources), and Edd became a whole season holdout. He pretty much intended to retire but finally agreed to play one more season for the Reds who had nearly hit bottom.

Sid Well had gotten control of the club and thought Roush could help the club by boosting morale and attendance. After the Giants gave him a release, he came back to Redland Field for a final season patrolling the outfield with two other Masonic ballplayers, Estel Crabtree (Philodorian No. 157 in Nelsonville, Ohio) and Taylor Douthitt (Yerba Buena No. 403 in Oakland, California). Nothing helped much. Reds attendance continued to decline, and they finished in the cellar for the first time since 1914.

Edd Roush went back to Oakland City and stayed retired.

Cincinnati baseball fortunes continued to decline until Sid Well lost control of the club after the 1933 season.

Larry McPhail (Cumberland Lodge No. 8 in Nashville) came in as General Manager, and local magnate Powell Crosley (College Hill No. 641 in Cincinnati) bought the club to keep them in the Queen City, and a slow rebuilding process began.

The revitalization picked up steam when Brother Bill McKechnie, who had first come to Cincinnati in the trade that brought Roush to the Reds, came in as manager in 1938. He brought Hank Gowdy (York No. 563 in Columbus) with him from Boston as coach and persuaded Roush to come back as the other coach. Edd retired again after that one year, but the rejuvenated Reds first climbed to fourth place and then had two championship seasons.

Meanwhile, back in Oakland City Edd Roush and Essie enjoyed their retirement and lived comfortably. Edd, who had never been a lavish spender, invested his earnings from his hard-fought contracted salaries in such stocks as General Motors and Proctor and Gamble. They became involved in a variety of civic and local affairs from their comfortable home on Main Street.

Ironically, Roush, who had never liked spring training, spent more and more of his retirement time in Florida during the cold season and was in fact in Bradenton when he died on March 21, 1988.

In the meantime, honors came to the retired star. He entered the Reds Hall of Fame in 1960, the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown in 1962, and was selected for the All-Time Reds All-Star team in 1969. The memory of his achievements in Redland Field may have faded somewhat by the rise of "The Big Red Machine" of the mid-seventies, but that could not totally erase the man remembered as the team's greatest player in the first half of the twentieth century.

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Note: The best biographical data on Edd Roush comes from the chapter on him in Lawrence S. Ritter's *The Glory of Their Times* (Vintage Books, 1985), pp. 218-230, and Eugene Murdock's *Baseball Between the Wars* (Meckler Pub., 1992), pp. 115-154. For photos and Masonic records, I am indebted to Sir Knight Peter Westbere of Guelph, Ontario. Thanks also to Sir Knight Norman Lincoln of Eaton, Ohio, who alerted me to the large number of Cincinnati Reds who were Masons in this era.



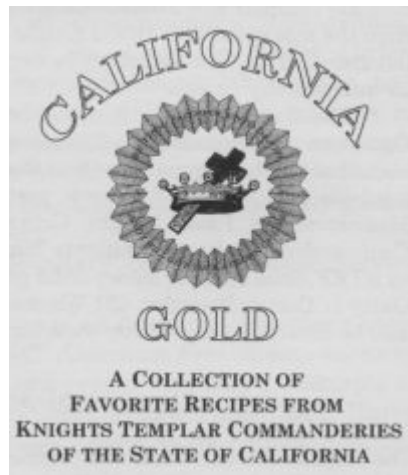
Tennessee Commandery Sells Lapel Pins to Benefit the KTEF



The pins are still available at a cost of \$6.00 each, postage included. They are, left to right: 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 be viewed at the website: www.YorkriteUSA.org

Sale of California Cookbook to Benefit the KTEF

The Grand Commandery of California is selling cookbooks, shown right, 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. They 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



Knight Templar Author Receives Science Award

On June 10, 2005, Dr. and Sir Knight Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33⁰, was elected by the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England, as a **noted professional in the field of pathology** to receive an award as one of the "leading scientists in the world."

This award is given for the first time in recognition of Dr. Greenberg's research studies over a period of forty years in the fields of cardiovascular and forensic pathology.

This work, which resulted in over 200 medical publications, was conducted during his tenure as an associate professor in the Department of Pathology at the Chicago Medical School in North Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Greenberg is a frequent contributor to the *Knight Templar* magazine.

Part II: Brother Claire Lee Chennault: Bucking the System

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

On April 29 when Lashio fell, closing the Burma Road, the Allied withdrawal from Burma became a rout. Stiliwell's Chinese army melted away, and he walked 140 miles into India with only a small contingent of troops remaining. There was no army awaiting him in India. The Flying Tigers stopped the Japanese advance at the Salween River crossing with strafing and bombing, gaining a momentary respite for Stillwell.

When the AVG was officially dissolved on July 3, 1942, Chennault had only five men who agreed to transfer into the U.S. Army, Flying Tigers Tex Hill and Ed Rector, along with three enlisted crewmen. General Bissell had only 12 inexperienced pilots at New Delhi designated for duty with Chennault.

The Flying Tigers were renamed the China Air Task Force (CATF) or the 23rd Fighter Group. During the summer and fall of 1942, the CATF continued to hammer at Japanese targets of opportunity, while replacement personnel arrived and were trained to some degree in Chennault tactics. They were successful in shooting down an impressive number of Japanese planes in squadrons led by Tex Hill and Ed Rector.

Chennault was promoted to the rank of major general on March 3, 1943. A week later, the CATF became the 14th Air Force with Chennault commanding.

Relations between Stillwell and Chennault had reached their lowest



point. Stiliwell's relationship with Chiang Kai-Shek was even worse. In April 1943 both Chennault and Stillwell were called to Washington, D.C., to attend the "Trident" Anglo-American Conference. Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt were in attendance.

General Chennault made an aggressive case at the meeting, requesting a strike force sufficient to mount a major air offensive against the Japanese. His proposed launch date was July 1943, and he asked for 150 fighter planes, plus 35 heavy bombers. His plan was concise and well presented. Stillwell objected

strenuously, but Chennault had impressed his audience. Both Churchill and Roosevelt approved the plan, and it was accepted.

The full complement of aircraft General Chennault had been promised at the Trident Conference never arrived. A few B-24 bombers trickled in, but the major offensive the 14th Air Force had envisioned had to be placed on hold.

However, Tex Hill arrived for duty, fresh from a long and well-deserved leave in the states. He immediately was assigned to conduct a large bombing raid on Formosa. Enormous losses were inflicted on the Japanese air arm with the destruction of 40 of their bombardment aircraft.

Chennault kept the pressure on the Japanese in spite of the failure to receive the supplies promised. The 14th kept the Japanese River traffic and the flow of material on the South China Sea under constant attack. The supply of raw material from China to Japan was halted entirely.

In spite of Japanese ground advances, Chennault's 14th Air Force extracted a fearful toll during December 1944. They destroyed 240 Japanese planes on the ground, along with 40,000 tons of shipping. In January 1945, 345 Japanese planes were shot down in combat. The Empire of the Rising Sun was completely knocked out of the air war in China.

General Stillwell's continuous efforts to take over all U.S. Army troops and activity in China resulted in his being recalled to Washington on October 19, 1944.

He was replaced by Lt. General Albert

C. Wedemeyer. For a few months, a new era of cooperation between New Delhi and the 14th Air Force resulted in vast improvement in the training of the Chinese National Army and the effectiveness of the 14th Air Force.

However, the euphoria was short-lived. General Chennault's enemies in Washington were successful in 1945 in having Lt. General G. E. Stratemeyer placed in command of the Army Air Force in China. The strategy reduced the 14th Air Force to the size of a single wing. Chennault felt his usefulness was over in China and requested retirement.

It was a bitter end to a brilliant record of achievement with the 14th Air Force. Chennault had inflicted an estimated 3,000 enemy ground casualties and sunk and damaged 1 2,230,000 tons of Japanese shipping. A subsequent assessment of his activity proclaimed that Chennault-led air (activity in China had constituted 6075 per cent of effective military opposition in China and that he had held one million Japanese troops at bay. It was all accomplished under the worst possible conditions and with very little help. Chennault and his several commands, beginning with the American's Volunteer Group of Flying Tigers, had set the highest record of achievement in WWII aerial combat. Chennault's personal abilities and achievements were truly monumental.

Claire Chennault received tumultuous farewell celebrations in many of China's cities. Millions turned out to show their gratitude to China's beloved "Flying Tiger." However, his efforts for China were not over. Chennault was about to shift gears and remain actively involved in the country's welfare.

Following his resignation on July 8, 1945, Chennault prepared to return to a America and seek support for a new China venture.

The war ended with the formal surrender of the Japanese on August 8, one month after Chennault's retirement.

His full attention was focused on the creation of a relief organization to haul supplies into interior China. After arriving back in the states, Chennault spent the balance of 1945 enlisting the aid of Fiorello La Guardia, Director General of the UNRRA, to fund a Chinese airline operated by Chennault. With UNRRA assistance assured, Chennault returned to Nanking, China, to seek a charter from Chiang Kai-Shek to operate the proposed airline. The Chinese National Relief & Rehabilitation Authority (CNRRA) contract to haul cargo was consummated, along with General Chiang's charter.

The CNRRA Air Transport was created on October 25, 1946, and China Air Transport (CAT) Airline made its first cargo flight to China on January 31, 1947, with Claire Chennault as president and CEO. His partners in the venture were Whiting Willauer and J. J. Brennan, and their corporate headquarters were in Shanghai.

Their operation began to expand immediately after its inception, from the original five DC3-type transports to 18 aircraft and 822 employees in 1947. CAT logged 1,930,558 miles that same year.

Chennault warned the U.S. Government that communism was a rapidly growing threat in China, but nobody paid any attention.

An attempt to forge a coalition between Chiang Kai-Shek and the communists failed. Chiang's soldiers were being forced southward in China, and CAT aircraft assisted in moving many of his troops. Chiang delayed the complete communist takeover of

mainland China for a year but was eventually forced to retreat to Formosa and establish his Chinese National Government there with his remaining military force.

Divorced in 1945, Chennault remarried on Sunday, December 21, 1947. His bride was a young journalist-reporter he first met during an interview in 1943. She was Anna Chan, the 19-year-old daughter of a wealthy former Chinese consul who served in San Francisco. Anna had been raised in affluent surroundings and educated in Hong Kong. Over the ensuing years, Anna and Chennault became close friends and eventually decided to marry in spite of the 34-year age difference. Their first child, a girl named Claire Anna, was born on February 8, 1949.

Early in 1949 Chennault moved CAT Airlines to Formosa. He purchased an air fleet from two defunct airlines in China that same year and had the aircraft flown to Hong Kong, where they were to be claimed by CAT. Pending litigation impounded 71 multi-engine planes before they could be turned over to CAT. Eventually, they were released to Chennault, thanks in great measure to the efforts of attorney Roscoe Pound, ex-dean of the Harvard Law School and a Freemason of great renown.

The Chennaults' second daughter was born at a hospital in Kowloon (near Hong Kong) on March 10, 1950. They christened her Cynthia Louise. When fighting erupted in September 1950, between North and South Korea, Chennault sent Anna and the children to San Francisco. He feared for their safety in the volatile region. They would live with her parents in California until their new home was completed in Monroe, Louisiana.

Formosa's climate proved very aggravating to Chennault's chronic bronchial condition. He had been in deteriorating health and extremely tired for some time. Nevertheless, he continued to function as the head of CAT Airline, even after he developed a persistent cough and chronic congestion, classic symptoms of a heavy smoker in poor health.

In spite of upheaval in the area, CAT continued to prosper substantially and had expanded into tourism. They were ferrying arms shipments to UN forces in South Korea, as well. Throughout the winter of 1953, Chennault tried to promote the idea of a volunteer air group to assist the French Army in Indo-China.

The program foundered when Washington decided there were too many political complications involved with the venture.

By early 1956 Chennault's declining health was alarming. Later that year, he checked into Walter Reed Hospital for a periodic physical, where they diagnosed a malignant lung tumor. The infected lung was removed surgically, and Chennault returned home to Monroe, Louisiana in early 1957 to continue his recovery. Thirteen months after the first operation, a spot was detected on his other lung. The prognosis gave him six months to live.

Chennault, Anna, and the children returned to Formosa for Christmas 1957. Everyone realized it would be Chennault's final visit to his beloved Chinese friends.

They returned to San Francisco on January 10, 1958. Claire made his final diary entry on May 14, 1958 and continued to receive close friends. There were many of those, not the least of whom was Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

On January 25, 1958, Congress had approved Chennault's promotion to the rank of lieutenant general. President Dwight Eisenhower telephoned to convey the news of his promotion.

Claire Lee Chennault expired peacefully just after 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 27, 1958. His remains were conveyed to Washington, D.C., for interment at Arlington Cemetery, on a knoll overlooking the home of Robert E. Lee.

During the funeral services, Chennault's two sons by his first marriage stood beside a grieving Anna. They were Air Force Colonel John S. Chennault and Major P.C. Chennault. A group of mourners, estimated at 5,000, joined scores of civilian and military dignitaries to witness the obsequies. Madame Chiang Kai-Shek walked with Anna Chennault to the grave site, concluding the farewell ceremony.

On November 14, 1958, Lake Charles Air Force Base was renamed Chennault Air Force Base, as a belated gesture of recognition extended by a reluctant military hierarchy to one of their most accomplished air veterans. It was long overdue.

Claire Chennault was an American hero when those were in short supply. He was the beloved leader of that gallant little band of Flying Tigers and a hero to millions of suffering Chinese, while the rest of the world watched from the sidelines. A scriptural passage which states in part, "...a prophet hath no honor in his own country," seems all too true in the case of Claire Chennault.

He was a brilliant pilot, singularly gifted in inspiring others to follow his example. Chennault also demonstrated great capacity to lead both a small group and a large fighting force and

deliver spectacular results. Without a doubt, Chennault's efforts shortened the war in the Pacific by many months. Often abrasive to superiors, he was a gifted visionary in any forum. The scope of his genius and patriotic contributions were not fully acknowledged until he was in his grave, when at last our esteemed Brother Chennault finally knew the end of war.

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The picture (above) was taken at the York Rite Grand Sessions of Kansas, held in Wichita, Kansas, in April 2005. Each of the ladies has the distinction of having the title of "Companion of the Temple" awarded by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA. Left to right are: (Mrs. Joe N.) "Pinky" Randall, P.S.W.P., Wichita Assembly No. 8; (Mrs. Robert L., Jr.) Paula Tomlinson, Past President of Kansas City Assembly No. 7; and (Mrs. Thomas J.) Betty Owen, Past President of Lawrence Assembly No. 25. (submitted by Mrs. Thomas Owen)



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berky@aebecrombieacademy.com. 10% to KTEF. The pins are a special project of the Grand Commandery of Texas 159th Annual Conclave.

For sale: Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver trim and silver bullion thread for embroidered crossed swords on flap, skull and crossbones on the apron. These are identical to those worn by all Sir Knights in the last century and still worn in some jurisdictions: brand new: \$75.00 plus \$5.00 U.P.S. A percentage to York Rite charities. Sal Caradonna, P.C., 23 Gail Ct, Staten Island, NY 10306-2234

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For sale: C.P.O. 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 . General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad St, S.W.; Pataskala; OH 43062

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For sale: Grand Chapter, RAM., 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

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

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

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, 314 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.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014

Fund-raiser: Lodge auto tags with blue vinyl letters on white, 6 x12-inch aluminum, include lodge name and number, square and compass, F & AM (AF & AM, AAFM, etc.), city and state: \$8.00 each-minimum order of 5. One free tag with each 10 ordered. Shipping for 5 is \$5.00, 10 is \$7.00, 20 is \$10.00¹⁰ same address in US. 25% of proceeds to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund. Send info, check or money order to Ernest P Gentry, 893 Brookside Drive, Winder, GA 30680-2848, e-mail tagmaker@titt.net

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

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For sale: The Medal of Honor The Letter C in Valor, a 268-page digest with the names, congressional citations, and Lodge membership of all Masons who have received our

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Pickens Star Lodge No. 220, Jasper, Georgia, will be celebrating its 150th anniversary next year and has 2 coins for sale: one is .999 silver coin and the other is bronze. Silver coin is encased in plastic holder. The face of both has the columns and square and compass in the middle with "Pickens Star #220" around edge. On back is large square and compass with letter G in middle and "Pickens Star #220 150th Anniversary" around edge. Silver is \$25.00 and bronze is \$7.00, postpaid. Also available a lapel pin with square and compass and Pickens Star Lodge No. 220 sesquicentennial around edge, \$3.00, postpaid. Checks payable to Pickens Star Lodge No. 220, and mail to Jack Green, 116 Rogers Avenue, Jasper, GA 30143

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For sale: hardbound book on Masonry, A Survey of the History and Mysteries of Freemasonry (revised-2nd printing). The book is 322 pages, indexed, contains a bibliography of 99 sources, and makes liberal use of footnotes. It also contains a 114-page glossary of Masonic words and terms. Written, published, and financed by Robert L. Breeding; it can be obtained from him only. Price is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for postage and handling. % to KTEF. Check or MO to Robert L. Breeding at 405 Ascot Court, Knoxville, TN 37923-5807. View info at BLOG: buyyourownbook.com E-mail breeding6905@belloouth.net Telephone (865) 599-6335.

New novelty book available: Pythagoras, This Cross Is for You by P. Master and P. Commander, Jack N. Barricklo, priced at 7.00 each, postpaid. It's for the serious craftsman with short history, illustrations, and instruction by the "Master" himself. % of profit to KTEF. (Please write "KTEF" in memo.) Checks payable to Ourland Enterprises, and send to Ourland Enterprises, 8631 McDade, Houston, TX 77080-4321

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Just a little greater showing
That really you do care.

*Just a little more kindness
To those you meet each day,
And a little greater effort
To aid them on their way.*

Just a little more determined
To do the best you can,
To help some other fellow
And prove a friend to man.

*Just a little bit more sunshine
Along life's weary road,
Just a little bit more ready
To ease another's load.*

Just to work a little harder
For other people's good,
And to show a bit more friendship
-My friend, that's Brotherhood.