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Clockwise from top left: entrance of cemetery near Schuylerville, New York. This is the only national cemetery named in honor of a Sir Knight; memorial for Sir Knight Gerald Brooks Hunt Solomon, U.S. Marine Corps veteran and 20-year member of the U.S. Congress; the gravesite of Sir Knight Solomon. The story of this accomplished Sir Knight starts on page 11.

Grand Master's Message for September 2005

Grand Encampment Departmental Conferences

September brings the start of the 2005-2006 Grand Master's Department Conferences. We are planning a new format and new subjects to discuss. These Conferences are mandatory for all Grand Commandery dais officers.

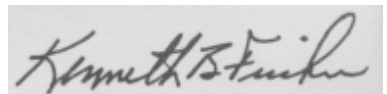


The schedule is as follows:

September 10: Northeastern - Grantville, Pennsylvania
September 17: South Central - St. Louis, Missouri
October 21: Northwestern - Boise, Idaho
October 29: North Central - Rochester, Minnesota
November 11 and 12: Southwestern - Mesquite, Nevada

The East Central and the Southeastern Conferences will take place in 2006 and will be described on the Web page.

Any Sir Knight is welcome to attend and learn. We plan to bring to this series of Conferences some new information, which you should find interesting.



Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, KCT, GCT



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

September: Don't miss the Grand Master's Department Conferences. You'll find information and a schedule for 5 of them in the Grand Master's Message on page 2, and a detailed summary and registration form for the North Central Department Conference is included on page 5 and 6. Coverage of Knights Templar Eye Foundation clubs are on page 8, followed by much more news about our great charity and notes of gratitude from its recipients. The 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign begins on December 1, 2005, so it is time to start preparations that will make your Commandery a winner in the Campaign! September's cover celebrates the life of New York Sir Knight, Gerald Brooks Hunt Solomon. His story and more pictures start on page 11. We are proud, also, of this month's news items from around the nation and three extremely interesting articles that span pages 21 through 28. Sit back, relax, and enjoy!

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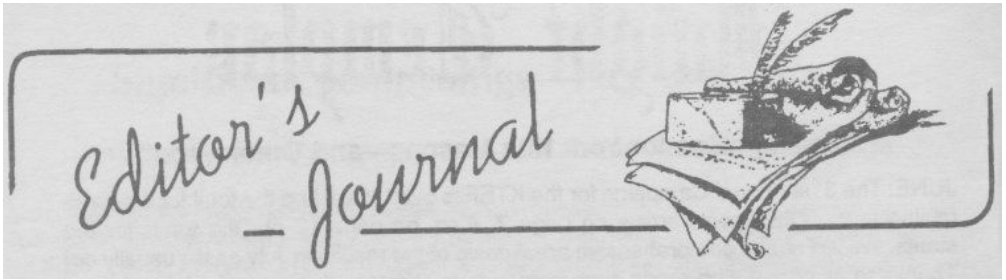
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The Order of Malta is now available on DVDs. Each informative DVD is only \$15.00 each plus \$3.50 for S & H (\$18.50). Also, the Order of Red Cross DVD is now really available at \$15.00 each plus \$3.50 for S & H. (\$18.50). Send in your order today!

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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North Central York Rite Regional Department Conference-2005

The North Central York Rite Regional/Department Conference will be held **Friday and Saturday, October 28-29, 2005**, at the Kahler Grand Hotel, 20 Second Avenue Southwest, Rochester, Minnesota 55902; Telephone: **1-800 533-1655**; **e-mail:** www.kahler.com **This** Conference is a cooperative effort of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, the General Grand Council, and the General Grand Chapter. The Kahler Grand Hotel is in the heart of downtown Rochester and the area's many attractions. It is only 10 minutes from Rochester International Airport, convenient to highways 52 and 63 and Interstate 90, and 70 miles from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Friday, October 28, 2005 session has been added this year as an option. On that day from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has arranged for presentations and a special, personal tour of the eye research laboratories of the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine. The Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology of the Mayo Clinic and his staff will be our hosts. This is a free event for all York Rite members and their ladies, but reservations must be requested on the registration form.

Room reservations must be made directly with the Kahler Grand Hotel. Please indicate that you are attending this Conference in order to receive the group daily rate **of only \$79 plus tax**. For our members this rate includes **free parking** on a space available basis in the adjacent Kahler Grand Hotel parking ramp. The hotel will **also give our attendees a 15⁰/0 discount in each** of the following restaurants: Grand Grill - buffet not included, Lord Essex, and Oak Room); simply show your name badge and room key to receive the discount. We believe the special arrangements and accommodations that have been made with the Kahler Grand Hotel as our Headquarters Hotel will maximize our convenience and pleasure in conducting our business meetings, provide exciting opportunities for our ladies in their activities, and give us easy access to the Mayo Clinic for our scheduled tour. Because a large number of members and their ladies will attend this Conference, we suggest that reservations be made to this hotel as early as possible. ***The hotel reservation deadline is October 7, 2005!***

Conference reservations may be made by completing the form on page 6.

For further information contact:

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North Central York Rite Regional/Department Conference
 Friday and Saturday, October 28-29, 2005
 Kahler Grand Hotel, Rochester, Minnesota

Conference Registration Form

Name _____ Your Lady _____

Title of Your Office _____

Your Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____

Please circle which York Rite Body you will be representing:

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COMMANDERY



If you plan to attend the special tour of the Ophthalmology Department of Mayo Clinic 2-4 PM on Fri., 10/28/05 (there is no charge), please check here Self _____ Lady _____

Payment for Conference Registration

	Self	Lady	Total
Registration Fee (Men Only) \$10.00	_____	_____	_____
Saturday Ladies' Brunch (With program) \$10.00*	_____	_____	_____
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If you plan to attend the Nails Breakfast on Sunday, please check here _____
 and pay at door. Self _____ Lady _____

Please make check payable (in U.S. Funds) to "James N Karnegis".

Mail above form and check to:
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Conference registrations must be received no later than October 7, 2005!



IN MEMORIAM



David Linwood Esancy
Massachusetts/Rhode Island
Grand Commander—1974
Born: December 9, 1937
Died: July 7, 2005

Elvin E. Phillips
Oregon
Grand Commander—1959
Born: September 16, 1917
Died: July 10, 2005

Appeal For Florida from the Masonic Service Association of North America

The Grand Lodge of Florida has been receiving many calls for assistance from the Pensacola area, which has suffered two hurricanes in what has turned out to be an extremely active hurricane season. Many people are still trying to recover from the 2004 hurricane season as well, and the need is very great.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brethren and their families in this stricken jurisdiction. Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund, and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Thank you very much for your help!

Richard E. Fletcher, P.G.M.
Executive Secretary

NEW MEMBERS OF KTEF CLUBS

Grand Master's Club

No. 4,628—Steven Q. Steele (FL)
No. 4,629—Edwin M. Lindke (TX)

Grand Commander's Club

No. 102,215—John James (WA)
No. 102,216—Timothy K. Metcalf (KS)

Contributors to the 33° Club

Stanley Allan Smith (MD), 33°
Stanley Winfred Meeds (FL), 33°

Elsie D. Punt (NY)
in memory of William R. Punt, 33°

Contributors to the OPC Club

Dixie J. Grinnalds (VA)

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Presents Grants To The Massachusetts Eye And Ear Infirmary And Schepens Eye Research Institute

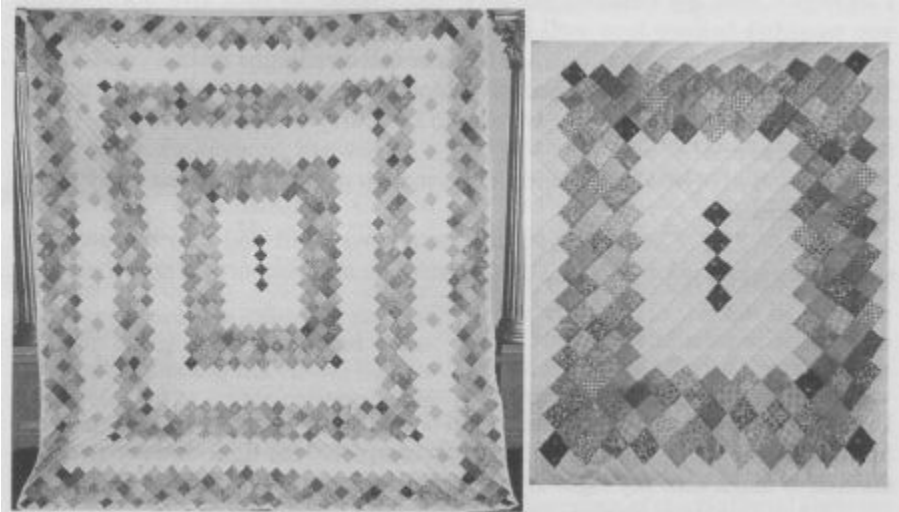


The Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Schepens Eye Research Institute are deeply grateful to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., for its generous grants totaling \$119,000 to further research in eye disease. Pictured, left to right at the award presentation, are: Sir Knight William Eltzroth, then Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; researchers: Xiaoqing Liu, Ph.D.; Kirill Martemyanov, Ph.D.; Eunok Im, Ph.D. (Schepens); Vasilike Poulaki, M.D., Ph.D.; Infirmary President, F. Curtis Smith; and Sir Knight Robert P. Winterhalter, R.E. Department Commander, Northeastern - North.

Ohio Commandery Raffle Of Quilt To Support The KTEF

Steubenville Commandery No. 11 is supporting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by raffling off a finely made quilt. The quilt as pictured on page 9 is queen size and features a "Boston Common" design. This design is comprised of two-inch squares, in various shades of pink and white. Bidding will start at \$500, and bids may be sent to Robert E. Holsinger, Eminent Commander of Steubenville Commandery No. 11. His address is 5736 County Road 56, Toronto, OH 43964. Bids sent to this address should arrive no later than October 5. The quilt will then

be on display at the Grand Recorder's desk during the Grand Commandery Conclave, October 6-7 for further bidding. The winning bid will be announced October 8 at the close of the Conclave.



This is why we support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation...

Yesterday I got my new eyeglasses, following last month's cataract eye surgery. I can see so much better now and have a more positive life because of the surgery and new glasses. This would have been impossible for me except for the generosity and service of America's Knights Templar.

Sir Knight Ernest I. Teter, Idaho Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, was very friendly and understanding as he conducted my case. I owe a special thanks to him and to all the members of the Knights Templar for their service and duty in helping their fellow man.

Also, a special recognition to Yahweh and His Son Yahshua (Jesus) to whose service the Knights Templar owe their allegiance.

Another mention must be made to the Knights Templar for their history of service to fraternity, justice, and liberty that we all enjoy. The very foundation of this country was laid by the members of the Lodge of Saint Andrews in Boston at the Green Dragon Inn, the Rising Star, and the Arm of Freemasonry. Again, thanks. Freemasonry. Again, thanks.

Mr. Terry Shepard
P.O Box 6014
Boise, Idaho 83707

More Words of Gratitude from KTEF Recipients...

I have just had my cataract surgery, and thanks to your Eye Foundation, you wouldn't believe how well I see **now** after just one day!

Before surgery I couldn't see faces or tell a red light from a green light. Today, I saw a green light about five blocks away. I can't tell you how that made me feel, and I owe it to you and to Dr. Larry Fish and of course, to the Stanton Hospital.

I had both eyes done within a two-month period, and it has truly made a big difference.

The feeling of knowing you are losing your sight and may not see your child's face again is very scary. I can't thank you and your organization enough.

*Jackie Long
Big Spring, Texas*

I would like to thank you, Mr. Lile, and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for funding my cataract surgery. I recently completed my final checkup and was thrilled to learn that my sight is now 20/20 in one eye and 20/25 in the other!

After wearing glasses since I was four years old and dealing with cataracts for the last several years, my life has changed dramatically with this surgery. It is an amazing difference! I am able to see street signs, watch television, and generally see the world with new clarity.

I am extremely thankful for the financial assistance Knights Templar contributed to my surgery. Without your funding I would have been unable to have this surgery and would have been in danger of losing my sight. Your generous contribution is genuinely appreciated!

*Richard Handy
Louisville, Kentucky*

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to see again. I can see the TV again, the clock on the wall, and mostly I can go outside and see the beautiful purple flowers in the yard across the street. Words cannot say "Thank you" enough, but I will always be so grateful to your organization. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Linda Kesner
Springdale, Arkansas*

I thought that I would be blind, but thanks to you, I can see. Thank you so very much!

Betty Dulton Montalba, Texas

New York Sir Knight and Congressman Gerald Brooks Hunt Solomon, 1930-2001

by Sir Knight
John J. Falkenberg, Recorder

When Sir Knight Gerald Brooks Hunt "Jerry" Solomon, 71, passed away, he was a 20-year veteran of the Congress where he gained a reputation for being outspoken and tenacious in presenting his views; he was often referred to by his colleagues as the "pit bull of the House."

Along with all of Solomon's accomplishments, this Sir Knight was a longtime member of Calvary Commandery No. 69, Greenwich, New York, and active as well in many other Masonic organizations.

His fellow Sir Knights of Calvary No. 69 are exceedingly proud that the Gerald Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery is the only national cemetery named after one of their own Sir Knights and that Solomon is duly memorialized there with a monument to his life and his work.

After retirement from Congress Sir Knight Solomon was chairman and C.E.O. of the Solomon Group, a company he formed in association with

The Lexalt Corp. It is a consulting firm providing advice and counsel to Fortune 500 companies and international corporations worldwide.

Before entering Congress Sir Knight Solomon was a private sector businessman involved in insurance, investment, and international trade.

During his congressional career, he devoted most of his time to the federal budget, national defense, foreign policy and veterans' and senior citizens' issues, as well as the war on drugs.

For instance, in the '80s he was one of 13 House members who served on President Ronald Reagan's core group of advisers and floor generals for foreign policy, national defense and budgetary initiatives. As a veteran member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and chairman of the National Defense Task Force, Solomon was instrumental in helping to develop Reagan's "Peace Through Strength" policies.

He also served as ambassador delegate to the United Nations and congressional advisor to the U.N. Session on Disarmament; 18 years as the Republican representative to North Atlantic Assembly, political arm of NATO; 2 terms as chairman of the Political Foreign Affairs Committee, 2 terms as vice president; and chairman of the U.S. House NATO Observer Group.



Sir Knights of Zone 5 in New York gathered at a veterans' ceremony conducted at the cemetery. They also have provided color guards at Memorial Day services.

He was the author of *NATO in the Twenty-first Century*, and after the breakup of the Soviet Union, he co-chaired the Task Force on Developing Parliamentary Institutions for 21 former communist countries.

He served on the Center for Security Policy, the American Conservative Union, the 'Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, the World Anti-Communist League, Citizen Against Government Waste, and was chairman of the U.S. Congress Task Force on POW/MIAs.

Solomon was recognized as one of the strongest advocates of the veteran community, authoring the bill that created the cabinet level Department of Veterans Affairs and co-authoring the establishment of the new peacetime G.I. bill. He successfully led the 15-year drive to establish the Saratoga National Cemetery.

Sir Knight Solomon was delegate to 5 Republican conventions and served as parliamentarian in 1992 and 1996. He also was treasurer and board member of the National Republican Club of Capitol Hill.

Born in Okeechobee, Florida, he attended Siena College and St. Lawrence University before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps at the beginning of the Korean War, where he served for eight and a half years on active and reserve duty.

Married in 1955 to Freda Parker of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, they had 5 children.

He was a member of many civic and Masonic organizations, active in the right to keep and bear arms movement, and a member in numerous veterans' organizations. He also devoted 50 years of his life in active involvement with the Boy Scouts of America.

On one side of the triangular obelisk monument that is shown on the cover and below is a list of Sir Knight Solomon's accomplishments: U.S. Marine Corps/Reserve, 1951-1959; Queensbury Town Supervisor, Warren County Legislator, 1967-1972; New York State Assemblyman, 1973-1978; member of Congress, 1979-1999; and Chairman, House Rules Committee, 1995-1999.

On another side is a "Dedication to Veterans."





Above is a picture of a small number of the hundreds of stones for soldiers that have been buried in the Gerald Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

Sir Knight John J. Falkenbergis the Recorder New York. His address is 2003 State Route No. of Calvary Commandery No. 69 in Greenwich, 29, Greenwich, NY 12834-2929

Presentation of Patron of the Foundation Award in New York

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of New York, has developed an award to present organizations and individuals who donate \$1,000.00 to the Foundation.

Cyrene - Monroe Commandery No. 12 of Rochester, New York, was presented the prestigious Patron of the Foundation Award for its donation of over



\$1,000.00. Several Commanderies and Lodges, including Ancient Temple Lodge No. 14, F. & A.M., plus several individuals, have donated over \$1,000.00 to the Educational Foundation. The awards are presented at public functions, and the Patrons are also recognized at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York. The Educational Foundation, Division of New York, has received over \$130,000.00 during its campaign efforts in the last several years.

The picture, taken at Cyrene-Monroe No. 12, shows Sir Knight James MacConnell, Grand Standard Bearer, presenting Sir Knight and Reverend Charles Roberts, Eminent Commander, the Patron of the Foundation Award. On the far left is Sir Knight Douglas Koenig, Generalissimo of Cyrene-Monroe. On the far right is Sir Knight Ronald J. Bertie, P.G.C., KCT, Grand Recorder Emeritus, and Executive Director of the KT Educational Foundation, New York, who also submitted this article.

"MASSING OF THE COLORS"



Left to Right:
 1st Row: Ronald Mitchum, D.G.M., Michael Smith, S.G.J.G.; Art Datnoff, Joe McGee, P.E.C., James C. Clifford, Standard Bearer
 2nd Row: Haskell Brabham, P.G.C.; Todd Schofield, Gen.; Rev. Hugh J. Bickley, P.E.C.; Charles Schofield, E.C.; Johnnie Morris, P.G.C.; Michael Brown, Capt. Gen.; Lawrence Schoff, P.E.C.; O. B. Sharp, Sword Bearer

On Sunday, April 17, 2005 Columbia Commandery No. 2 participated in "The Columbia Chapter, Military Order of World Wars" 12th annual "Massing of the Colors" at the Scottish Rite Temple in Columbia, South Carolina. The event had (43) forty-three participating Flag Teams that came from all branches of the Military services, active & retired, the American Legion, Military Order of Purple Hearts, National Sojourners, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, D.A.V., College and High School ROTC programs, Fraternal & Civic Organizations, Columbia Police Department, Rainbow Girls, Boy Scouts, a 6-year old Cub Scout Troop, etc. There were over 150 flags presented and posted with every branch of our armed forces being represented and honored.

The Knights Templar in South Carolina can take exceptional pride in the fact that so many of those participating were members and particularly that several of our members started this program here in South Carolina. Lt. Col. Wayne C. Smith, Jr., P.E.C., the Commander of the Columbia Chapter, Military Order of World Wars in 1993, wanted to help instill pride and Patriotism in Americanism, and instituted this program, which caught on and is now observed in other parts of the state at this time. Col. Arthur R. Datnoff was also instrumental in beginning this program and has acted as Master of Ceremonies since it's inception.

A brother marching in playing the Bag Pipes kicked off the ceremonies and played "Amazing Grace" during the ceremonies. Fort Jackson's 282nd Army "Victory" Band provided the music for the entire ceremony. We were privileged to have Dr. Richard Coeant, who has sung all over the world in Courts of Kings and Queens, and is Professor Emeritus of the University of South Carolina School of Music sang our "National Anthem", "America the Beautiful", "America" and led us in the singing of "God Bless America."

Columbia Commandery No. 2 was also represented by Lt. Col. John R. Marcucci, S.W., Chairman of the Committee; Rev. & Lt. Col. Hugh J. Bickley, Grand Prelate was the Chaplain. Columbia York Rite members N. Haskell Brabham, P.G.C.; James C. Clifford, Standard Bearer; Joseph L. McGee, P.I.G.M.; Lawrence E. Schoff, P.E.C.; O.B. Sharp, Sword Bearer presented the Colors for Columbia Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar. Mike Broom, Capt. Gen.; Charles Schofield, Eminent Commander; Todd Schofield, Generalissimo; and Johnnie Morris, P.G.C. presented the colors for Myrtle Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias. Mike Harman, 3rd Guard and C.W.O. George Senft, P.E.C. presented the colors for Fort Jackson Chapter #184, National Sojourners. S.K. Senft also did an exceptional rendition of the "Toast to the Flag."

M.W. & S.K. Jack A. Marler the Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina was present; the Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Ronald Mitchum, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Gerald Carver, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge; I. Lewis Langley, Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Domain of S.C.; Aubrey Haynes, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in S.C.; S.K.'s Glenn Smith, Richard L. Swecker, Craig Cagle and S.K. & Illustrious Bro. Michael Smith, S.G.J.G. of the Scottish Rite Bodies in South Carolina, who made the facilities for the event available. There were over 300 in attendance.

There was excellent media coverage for this event, which featured B. Gen. Gina S. Farrisee, USA giving the main Address and a number of Honored Guests such as the Hon. Joan Brady, SC House of Representatives; Maj. Gen. James B. Allen, USA retired, Col. Michael O. Beal, USAF and Col. Charles P. Murray, USA retired, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. We encourage the other Grand Commanderies and Constituent Commanderies in the Grand Encampment to participate in Patriotic endeavors such as this whenever possible and get out and "Show us your Colors."

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; e-mail: jcbaird@getgo.in.net

On the Masonic Newsfront...

Grand Encampment Officers Install New Jersey Commandery

Early in 2005 it was a historic day for Trinity Commandery No. 17 of Westfield, New Jersey, and they think it was the first time in the history of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. that all the elected grand line officers of Grand Encampment visited a constituent Commandery to witness the conferral of the Order of the Temple and to act as the installing suite of officers.

Arriving at the asylum in a limousine, where they were received upon a red carpet and under an arch of steel formed by the Sir Knights of Trinity were the following Sir Knights: Kenneth B. Fischer, M.E. Grand Master (Texas); Richard B. Baldwin, R.E.



Deputy Grand Master (Virginia); William H. Koon II, R.E. Grand Generalissimo (Ohio); David D. Goodwin, R.E. Grand Captain General (New York); Dr. William J. Jones, R.E. Grand Treasurer and M.E. Past Grand Master (Illinois); and Douglas L. Johnson, R.E. Past Department Commander, Northwestern (Wyoming). They were greeted by Sir Knights John J. Corrigan, Eminent Commander, and Robert B. Maynard (pictured above), Commander elect, Commander elect, both of Trinity No. 17, and Emil P. Busko, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of New Jersey.



Grand Encampment officers attending Trinity No. 17 Installation. Left to right are Sir Knights: Fischer, Baldwin, Koon, Goodwin, Jones, and Johnson.

Chivalry And Freemasonry
(continued from the August 2005 issue)
Removal Of Christian Symbolism

This was truly unfortunate for those who interpreted the Lodge symbols as Christian doctrines. To deprive the Freemasonry of the Ancient Craft of its Christian symbolism in an attempt to make it **more universal**, was, to them, unmasonic, and characterized as being compared to "removing a Masterpiece of Art from a gallery, or depriving a Crown of its Most Precious Jewel."

Again, there was an appeal to the individual Freemason because the fraternity represented the most outstanding exponent of Protestantism in contrast to the Church of Rome. Men who profess the same faith prefer to associate with their kind, for the religious bond is in most instances the strongest that may be forged.

And the Christian Freemason sought out an order which interpreted his Freemasonry in the Light of the New Dispensation.

He ended his search when he entered any asylum of Knights Templar!

It was our own Dr. William F. Kuhn, that great Masonic thinker, who said:

"Freemasonry is not a series of degrees to give those who have the money to purchase them, certain titles, and decorations, for even in Freemasonry 'a fool may be a belted Knight,' and an Entered Apprentice may have a clearer conception of God, and man's relation to Him, than he who wears the insignia of the highest grade. Moral conception does not exist merely in believing, but in believing and **doing**.

"The Stoics of Rome persuaded themselves to believe that they were of Divine Essence and elaborated a finely spun system of philosophy, but they permitted the poor to lie starving at their doors."

Templars believe in practice; their charities may not be proclaimed

from the house tops, but the records of the smallest Commandery of Knights Templar should prove that Charity and Hospitality are yet the grand characteristics of this great Christian order. Templary realizes that it is hypocritical to profess and teach great platitudes without making an honest effort to practice what is professed.

What Are The Chivalric Orders?

We have referred to the Orders conferred by a Commandery. These are:

The Order of the Red Cross
The Order of Malta
The Order of the Temple

The **Red Cross Order** is not, strictly speaking, a Christian Order. Its value in the Templar system is its bridging of the gap between the Royal Arch degree and the Order of the Temple. It is a story founded upon an important period in Hebrew history and stresses **Faith in God**, the importance of **Truth**, and the value of **Liberty and Justice**.

The **Order of Malta** brings to the novitiate the story of another of the great Chivalric orders, whose deeds of heroism fill the pages of history and whose Christian character forms a bright page in religious history.

The most striking degree, or Order, is the **Order of the Temple**, described as the *ne plus ultra* of the Masonic system - especially to the Christian Freemason. We cannot describe its beauty and the impressions which it creates on the mind of the candidate. It must be seen to be appreciated. We cannot add more.

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Following the reception ceremonies, The Templar Vigil was performed to honor the Grand Encampment officers. Immediately thereafter, the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred in full form, in costume, with Sir Knight J. Robert Deissler as Sovereign Master.

After the conferral a hospitality hour and banquet were held in the collation room, which was filled to capacity.

At 7:00 P.M. the Sir Knights and guests adjourned to the lodge room for the installation by the Grand Encampment officers. Sir Knight Robert B. Maynard, the newly installed Commander, was presented with his shoulder boards and insignia of office by Miss Hunter Lynne Grau, Sister Rainbow Pledge Representative and special friend of Sir Knight Maynard.

Sir Knights Thurman C. Pace, Eugenio Melendez, Ronald J. York, and Robert B. Maynard conducted the Spur Ceremony upon Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer as Trinity's newest honorary member.

Sir Knight Maynard's entire family and many friends attended this historic day in the life of Trinity Commandery No. 17!

Wal-Mart Supports Knights Templar Eye Foundation in Florida



Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., is well known for its participation in local charities. Shown above are members of Fort Myers Commandery No. 32, North Fort Myers, Florida, receiving a check in support of the KTEF from the Wal-Mart Super Center in Lehigh Acres, Florida. From left are: William Horacio, Jr., Captain General; Guy E. Waltman, P.G.C. of Florida; Jerry W. Timberlake, Generalissimo; Lewis F. Fish, Past Commander and state KTEF Chairman; Ms. Peggi Schmidt, Photo Center Manager for Wal-Mart; Gregory Percifield, Junior Warden; Robert L. Gilliland, P.C. and Prelate; Helmut Ehrhardt, P.C., and David L. Smith, honorary member and P.C.

Each year the Fort Myers Commandery sponsors a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the KTEF. Many have received the gift of restored vision through the charitable donations of this group, which is a 501-(C)-3 organization,

enabling donors to claim a full deduction on their income tax for their contributions. Wal-Mart has a program by which they match the funds raised. This year their funds-matching program resulted in the presentation of a check for \$1,000.00 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Fort Myers Commandery No. 32 is proud of its record: With only 182 members, they raised over \$3,000.00 for the charity this year. They are currently processing three local cases of people needing financial assistance for their eye care.

California Assembly, S.O.O. B., and Commandery Hold Contest to Raise Funds for Knights Templar Eye Foundation



Last year Sir Knight Robert McNamara, Commander, and Mrs. Reed Bollin, Worthy President of Santa Ana Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant, (both in picture at left) challenged Orange County Commandery No. 36, Anaheim, California, to a contest to see which would donate the most money to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in one year. It was a virtual tie with \$2,000.00 collected.

Both organizations celebrated at a Christmas luncheon. There are only 38 members in Santa Ana No. 61; Orange County has approx. 180 members.

S.O.O.B. Assemblies at California York Rite Grand Sessions 2005

Santa Ana Assembly No. 61, Social Order of the Beauceant, had a reception for Mrs. Robert Gannaway, Supreme Inner Guard, on June 18. Those in attendance were from Los Angeles Assembly No. 42, Long Beach Assembly No. 39, and Pasadena Assembly No. 44. The theme for the day was Disney characters. 24 ladies from the 4 Assemblies were in attendance, most in the picture.



Grand Secretary/Recorder of the York Rite Bodies of Nebraska Takes His Grandson to Work

The *Plattsmouth Journal* of Nebraska ran the following article and a picture of Nebraska York Rite's Jay Speck with his grandson:

"April 28 was 'Bring Your Son or Daughter to Work Day.' Casey Speck went to work with his grandfather, Jay Speck, who is Grand Secretary/Recorder of the York Rite Grand Bodies of Nebraska, a fraternal, non-profit organization.

"I always enjoy being with my grandkids,' said Jay. 'Having Casey help me at the office today has been a real treat. He's my buddy.'"

"Casey is very close to his grandfather and loves doing things with him. He thinks he has the 'coolest grandpa in the world.' Casey put out a mailing, collated pages, got the mail, and kept his grandfather's coffee cup full."

Tennessee Commandery Sells Lapel Pins to Benefit the KTEF



This year at the 144th Annual Conclave, of Tennessee, Manchester Commandery No. 40 of Hillsboro, Tennessee, 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.

The pins are still available at a cost of \$6.00 each, postage included. They are, left to right, above: 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

When a man lives with God,
His voice shall be sweet
As the murmur of the brook
And the rustle of the corn.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**A Tribute to Masonic
Brother Hyrum Smith...
A True Nauvoo Mason**

by Sir Knight James A. Marples, 32°

In the year 1800, a man named Hyrum Smith was born. He only lived to the age of 44 years, but he accomplished a great deal in his lifetime. When he was shot to death at Carthage, Illinois, on June 27, 1844; he was the incumbent Worshipful Master of Nauvoo Lodge, U.D., in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois.

Some two decades earlier, Hyrum Smith became a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 112 in Palmyra, New York. His father, Joseph Smith, Sr., was Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 7, 1818 in Ontario Lodge No. 23 in Canandaigua, New York.

Hyrum and his father were typical men of that era, men who worked hard and who sought to elevate their characters by associating with other good men in a lodge setting.

In the 1820s during the anti-Masonic frenzy, a wave of suspicion spread among the public caused by rumors designed to cast Masons and Masonry in a bad light.

During those times it was difficult to be a Mason. A man would always have to demonstrate and justify his own honorable character to wary non-Masons. Many lodges could not hold meetings for fear of violence and terror directed at them.

Gradually, public opinion began to change in regard to Masons and

Masonry, and they again were considered honorable and laudable; however, some people (even religious people and members of the clergy) were slow to acknowledge that Masons were good men with a belief in God and men who worked for the benefit of all of society.

Joseph Smith, Sr., had another son, who was younger than Hyrum: Joseph Smith, Jr., who was born in December 1805.

Young Joseph Smith, Jr., became the first president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also known as the Mormon Church.

Initially wary of any fraternal orders, Joseph Jr. became a Master Mason in March 1842 in the new lodge, Nauvoo Lodge, which was under dispensation in Nauvoo, Illinois.

Over a two-day period, Illinois Grand Master Abraham Jonas conferred the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry on Hyrum's brother, Joseph Smith, Jr., and Sidney Rigdon. Immediately, Nauvoo Lodge began receiving numerous petitions from candidates who wished to join Masonry. Brother George Miller was Worshipful Master, Hyrum Smith was Senior Warden, Lucius Scovil was Junior Warden, and William Clayton was Secretary.

A month later in April 1842, over a three-day period, Brigham Young and others became Masons in Nauvoo Lodge. Quite frequently, lodge degrees were conferred almost every night of the week, and Brother Hyrum Smith took charge as Worshipful Master pro-tern. Hyrum had a charisma that excelled in a fraternal atmosphere.

In 1840 the famous statesman, Stephen A. Douglas, visited Nauvoo. It is quite likely that Hyrum Smith and Stephen Douglas had a chance to talk Masonry during the visit and that Hyrum extended fraternal courtesy toward Brother Douglas, who commented he was delighted with visits with Nauvoo citizens and their warm hospitality.

That action along with other good deeds on Hyrum's part led to Nauvoo Lodge boasting a membership of 285 members in 1842.

The rest of the state of Illinois had only 227 members scattered across eleven other lodges. Clearly, Nauvoo Lodge was a powerful locomotive with lots of vitality.

The zeal of Nauvoo Lodge was not measured solely in the numbers of initiates on its reports to Grand Lodge. The Lodge had **real enthusiasm**. Members built a beautiful three-story Masonic hall: The lower ground floor was used for cultural plays, the second floor housed the university and other offices, and the top floor was the lodge room itself.

On April 5, 1844, the Nauvoo Masonic Hall was dedicated with full ceremony. The dedication was formal and even Masonic music was composed and sung for the occasion.

That beautiful building still stands today, and although the third floor walls and roof were replaced, the hardwood floor on the third floor is the original lodge room floor.

When I walked across that floor, I could almost feel a sense of "living history." When I toured the Masonic hall in 2003, my guide told me that Joseph Smith, Jr.,

took a piece of chalk and drew on the floor a sketch or outline showing the path the Mormon pioneers would take three years later across the Plains and Rocky Mountains toward their Utah destiny.

Brother Hyrum Smith wanted the Masonic Hall to be a showcase in the community. It was literally a hub of activity both day and night. Degree work was held nearly every night of the week with Brother Hyrum Smith being the Worshipful Master in charge of the meetings.

Masonic leaders in Illinois in 1844 frowned on Nauvoo Lodge initiating so many candidates so quickly, and it is ironic that many Grand Lodges today encourage one-day conferrals of all three degrees!

By 1846 two years after Hyrum's death, over 1,300 men in the Nauvoo area had joined Masonry, which is simply amazing!

Sadly, due to the violence and persecution, a large portion of Mormon Church adherents fled across the Plains and Rockies just as Brother Joseph Smith, Jr., had predicted in chalk on the lodge room floor three years earlier.

When the Mormon people arrived in Utah in 1847, their Masonic endeavors basically ceased. It is a shame that the candle of Masonic brotherhood, that once burned brightly and helped enhance so many lives, essentially was extinguished at the foot of Hyrum Smith's grave in Illinois.

Some friends of Hyrum, such as Brother Heber C. Kimball, were shaken by his murder. Brother Kimball joined Masonry in New York in 1823 and was an officer in

Nauvoo's Masonic Lodge. Brother Kimball felt that since Hyrum was a well-known Mason he and his brother Joseph Smith deserved more protection. On top of that, Brother Kimball was disgusted to learn that two individuals involved in Hyrum's murder later joined Masonry after Hyrum's death. Brother Kimball felt let down by the fraternity, and he didn't promote Masonry in Utah.

I agree that it is disheartening to learn that two unworthy men who were involved in murdering two Masons, the Smith brothers, fled the scene of the crime and soon afterwards sought protection by joining a neighboring lodge in Illinois.

However, Brother Hyrum Smith would have been the first to acknowledge that the murder was **not a Masonic plot**. Simply put, only a few people in the mob who ran toward Joseph and Hyrum Smith were Masons, and two of those individuals didn't even join until after Hyrum's death. That statement alone clarifies that the Masonic Fraternity was not responsible for that action. It was the dastardly deed of a few men without any official sanction of the fraternity.

Brother Hyrum Smith as Worshipful Master of Nauvoo Lodge knew the sanctity of the ballot box. He felt it should be guarded with due care; however, even he knew that sometimes unworthy men join and inversely, sometimes otherwise good men are kept out.

The best action for any lodge is for its members to examine people who submit a membership application petition on an individual basis - case by case.

Brother Hyrum Smith, by virtue of his longtime Masonic membership and by his valiant efforts as Master of a lodge, exemplified Masonic dedication.

His untimely death at age 44 was largely because he was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Hyrum was killed because he was in the same room as a presidential candidate - his brother. In that fateful year of 1844, Joseph Smith, Jr., was a candidate for President of the United States. When he was killed, he had people actively campaigning for him in most of the eastern states of the U.S.A.

Some scholars believe that Joseph Smith, Jr., was killed because of his different religious beliefs or because of his blending of city government and church government together in Nauvoo or because he allegedly ordered a newspaper to shut down leading to a riot.

All of those factors undoubtedly contributed to the anxiety leading up to the murder; however, I don't believe that those factors were primary motives behind the murder. I feel that it was mostly a political assassination. In that campaign year Joseph Smith, Jr., was campaigning hard to be President. Hyrum was killed because he stood at his brother's side.

In any case, to get an accurate view of the energy of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, you must look at how they built the city of Nauvoo: It was simply a hamlet called Commerce, Illinois, in 1838. The Smith brothers renamed it "Nauvoo" (a Hebrew word denoting "beautiful"). By the mid-1840s, it was the second largest

city in Illinois! Chicago was number one, and Nauvoo was number two in terms of population. Now, that is energy and vitality!

Joseph Smith, Jr., had written letters to Martin Van Buren, Henry Clay, and John C. Calhoun, who themselves ran for President of the United States. He was disheartened by their responses, so he set out to run for President himself. He had formulated a platform, laying out his views of the powers and policies of the federal government, and he had sent campaign supporters to organize for him in several states.

Brother Hyrum Smith was very effective in leading the Masonic lodge, enabling it to grow by leaps and bounds. It is no wonder that people of that era felt that Brother Joseph Smith would recruit followers and voters just as quickly. His opponents wanted to eliminate him as a presidential contender.

Interestingly, Brother Joseph Smith, on the day he became a Master Mason, also organized the Ladies' Relief Society, an organization that exists to this day.

Brother Brigham Young had his hands full in leading the men, women, and children across the Plains with their horses, wagons, and all their worldly possessions to a territory initially named "Deseret," a Hebrew word denoting "honeybee," which later became the state of Utah.

Brother Young continued to wear his Masonic lapel pins in public well into the 1850s, and he authorized the All-seeing Eye emblem along with the clasped-hands of friendship emblem placed on all Mormon currency.

Brother Heber C. Kimball mourned the deaths of Hyrum and Joseph; however, Brother Kimball also said "I wish that all men were Masons and would live up to their profession; then the world would be in a much better state than it is now."

Brother Kimball once stated that he had received all of the degrees leading up to the Royal Arch Mason. He didn't receive the Royal Arch degree when scheduled because that was during the anti-Masonic period of the 1820s and that particular lodge hall was set on fire by an arsonist.

Whether Brother Kimball eventually became a Royal Arch Mason is not known.

It is indeed probable that some of the members of the Nauvoo Lodge had advanced to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, since both Joseph and Hyrum expressed an intense interest in "the High Priesthood" and the use of veils were commonly used in ceremonies in Nauvoo.

Had Hyrum Smith lived, it is quite likely that the York Rite bodies of Chapter, Council, and Commandery would have been chartered in Nauvoo. As with all important people who die prematurely, it is hard to ascertain what might have been.

It is interesting to study the life and times of Brother Hyrum Smith. Can we ask ourselves: Are we as enthused about Masonry as Brother Hyrum?

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Internet Masonry

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It's hard for us to realize that it was only a few short years ago that we had never heard of computers, word processing, fax machines, and the inter-net. Nowadays, kids can click a mouse in their early years of school with such dexterity that it makes my generation seem further out of step than ever before. They use Dad's (or their own private) fax machine to trade homework assignments; they spell-check their term papers and copy and send them by e-mail to their teachers.

Many of the previous generation have been left behind. But some of us have made the plunge into cyberspace and have found a new toy. Please permit me to recount several personal observations about occasions that, through this modern technology, have enhanced my Masonic experience:

Along about 1980 there appeared a story in the Scottish Rite's *New Age* (now *The Scottish Rite Journal*) that chronicled how a young man was bounced around a small town jail for a speeding violation until the Deputy Sheriff was assured no attempt would be made to "wrong, cheat, or defraud" the county in payment of the fine if only he would wait for a check to arrive next day. Recognizing that the call (only one was permitted) was from a fellow Mason, the Deputy released his prisoner. The young man would not know what these "magic words" signified until he himself became a Mason a few years later. This little tale has been copied and either e-mailed

or faxed to scores of fellow Masons over the years that followed. This little cyberspace communication, an example of "Masonic Trust," has reached far greater numbers than if the story had been passed through conventional, outdated means.

A later issue of *The Scottish Rite Journal* (May 2003) related how invitations were e-mailed to over 100 present or former members of the Craft asking them to attend a "Neighborhood Masonic Reception" so they could meet and socialize with their fellow Masons. Some were astounded to find that some of their nearby friends were Masons and that they had not realized this earlier. Without word processing and e-mail capability, this fine social occasion would have been much more difficult to arrange.

That same year in October the *Journal* published a story that has made a profound impact on my appreciation of the Internet and its usefulness when applied to Masonic endeavors. The article precipitated an e-mail to the author from Brother Frank H. Turner, a³³⁰ Mason from Canton, Ohio. Brother Turner asked me to help his Master Mason son-in-law, whose business had transferred the young man from Ohio to a town close to me, in becoming a Scottish Rite Mason. My wife and I were quick to invite Tim Defibaugh and his wife to our home in order for us to become acquainted. Of course, a petition was supplied on the spot, but job responsibilities precluded Tim's application until my Valley's recent reunion when Tim became a Master of the Royal Secret. This was two years after my first communication

with Brother Turner. And in the interim period, he and I exchanged many e-mails and became fast friends. We were not to meet personally until he flew in from Ohio to witness Tim's conferral of the first 14 degrees, and we are sure to stay in cyberspace touch with one another for a long time to come.

Brother Frank has had an illustrious career. After Army service in Korea and college graduation (Kent University), he taught high school biology for thirty years. He served through all the stations of Lathrop Lodge No. 676 in Canton and is Past Worshipful Master there. While in the Blue Lodge line he was appointed to the Consistory line that culminated in his election to Commander-in-Chief. He was coroneted a 33° in 2001. So there we have yet another example of the effectiveness of "Internet Masonry," which was not available even as little as fifty years ago. It has served our Noble Fraternity quite well!

And now for one of the most personally, poignant examples of Internet Masonry that I could ever imagine: In the October and December 2004 issues of the *Knight Templar* magazine, there appeared an amazing story about a 100 year-old, antique Knight Templar sword that had been offered for sale on e-Bay auction. The sword was bid for and purchased by my nephew, my son, and my two sons-in-law and presented to me as a Father's Day gift. All are Brother Masons. And the incredulity of it? The blade was etched with the name of William H. Wood - MY NAME!

These few examples are among many that demonstrate the value of using the Internet to spread the word about Masonry. We fervently hope that future generations will continue to utilize this very effective tool.

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Steubenville Assembly No. 57, S.O.O.B., Ohio, Honors "Dish Washers"

The two Sir Knights pictured at right have been working "beyond the call of duty" for several years, and they were presented ball caps and special aprons in 2002, the year (Mrs. Gerald) Betty Hasley served as President of Steubenville Assembly in Steubenville, Ohio! The members of the Assembly call them "Our No. 1 Dish Washers" as they always come into the kitchen when Assembly members are serving a dinner for any Masonic group. Also, they handle the heavy containers of potatoes for the Potato Masher and help with the washing of dishes. The Assembly is proud of its Sir Knights and helps them in any way it can, including contributing to the KTEF. (submitted by [Mrs. Gerald] Betty Hasley, P.P., Dinner Chairman)



Unlike Ozymandias

by Sir Knight Lawrence D. Wade, M.D., KYCH

"Ozymandias"

by Percy Bysshe Shelley

I met a traveler from an antique land
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed;

And on the pedestal these words appear:

"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:

Look on my words, ye Mighty, and despair!"

**Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare**

The lone and level sands stretch far away.

Freemasonry is as one with The J. Enlightenment. We, as Freemasons, embrace - rather than fear - the so-called "Natural Philosophy," which we now refer to as "Science." We are, therefore, compelled to be receptive to the scientific findings of contemporary anthropologists - findings to the effect that the **first hominids**¹ walked the Earth about 250 thousand years ago, that "**Neanderthal man**" came about 100 thousand years ago, and that the *current model*, **Homo sapiens sapiens** appeared upon the scene about 40 thousand years ago. This latest variety, this "truly wise, wise man" is, at least in part, to be distinguished from earlier varieties of hominids by the

practice of **formal ritual** in disposing of the remains of the deceased - as, for example, in burial ceremonies. Anthropologists have, indeed, concluded that the earliest burial ritual was more than a matter of aesthetics and more, too, than a public health measure - that it was, in fact, mankind's first manifestation of religious awareness. So we see that ceremonial burial of the dead originated 40,000 years ago, as a religious observance, the first identifiable religious observance of any kind in the long, long existence of the human race.

Perhaps we would be justified in presuming, then, that it was 40,000 years ago that the Masonic sentiment of "the Fatherhood of God" first

¹**hom-i-nld** *n.* 1. A primate of the family Hominidae, of which *Homo sapiens* is the only extant species. (*Homo erectus* and *Homo habilis* are **extinct**)—**hom-i-nid** *adj.* Of the Homiriidae.

came to reside in the human breast - and with it, the twin sentiment of "the Brotherhood of Man." Of course, no one would suggest that organized Masonry, itself, is that old, but it does not seem unreasonable to suppose that the sentiment upon which our Craft rests must have arisen that far back in the history of our race of creatures. Surely, it was with this notion in mind that our forerunners in Freemasonry penned words describing our Craft as, "...born of Heaven in the gray of the world's morning, before poets sang or historians wrote...."

This should matter to us, this notion that Masonic sentiments may be 40 thousand years old, for as we contemplate the future of our Gentle Craft - as we reflect on its present state, its past, and the question of what is to become of it after we are gone - we can take comfort in the realization that, at least in the form of its core sentiments, Masonry may be as ancient as our race and as eternal as any Platonic Ideal.

Ozymandias, Shelley's "king of kings," was long forgotten, before even the pedestal bearing the declarations of his greatness had followed the rest of his stony shrine into the wind blown oblivion of the desert sands. Perhaps we may reasonably hope that Masonic beliefs are unlike Ozymandias - that they will never decay and disappear into the boundless stretches of the sands of time.

Was Ozymandias arrogant, or was he wise? Does his epitaph proclaim that even the mighty should be intimidated by his splendor? Or does the legend invite all men to learn from his legacy the purely personal aggrandizement?

Freemasonry's strength lies outside the personal realm. Freemasonry's grandeur lies in its secure attachment to its **Ideals**.

Ideals are forms – universals - that, unlike individuals, do not perish. Crudely stated, ideals are analogous to the underground cables that propel the San Francisco cable cars. The cables are, so to speak, "always there" and "always available" as a source of power, to provide the force that can move the cable car forward - that can allow it, that is, to serve a useful purpose.

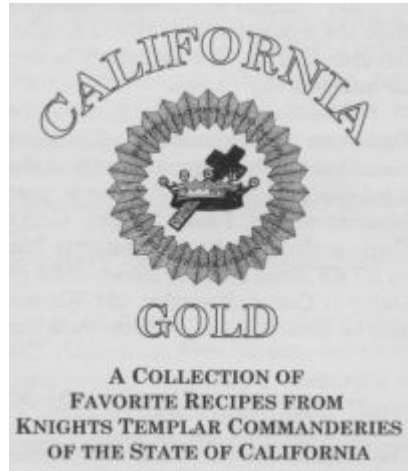
So it is with Masonic Ideals. Our Ideals quite literally are always there to empower us. Only the Masonic Ideals of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man can move us forward and allow us to serve some useful purpose. As the cable car requires a secure attachment to the underground cable, so Masonry requires a secure attachment to its lofty Ideals.

When we speak the words, "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," or when we talk of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," it behooves us to remember that these are much more than words. These are the *elan vital*, the life force, itself, without which our existence would be bereft of meaning. We can truly look upon the ruins that once were the Greatness of King Ozymandias and say, "There but for our ideals go we."

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Sale Of California Cookbook To Benefit The KTEF

The Grand Commandery of California is selling cookbooks, shown right, to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. 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



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 Make checks payable to: Milford Commandery No. 11. Mail to: Milford Commandery No. 11, C/O Robert P. Winterhalter, P.O. Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721-0321. **All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.**



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

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 - \$1900 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 KT Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.

Texas Sesquicentennial Conclave Memorabilia: medal (Conclave logo on front, "San Antonio Cdiy #7" surrounding cross/crown on reverse) is suspended from white & black "beauceant" ribbon suitable for wearing with uniform or mat (\$7.00); canvas bag (13-in. x 15-in. x 1-in, with straps 10 inches at apex) bearing Sesquicentennial logo (\$5.00); baseball style hat bearing Sesquicentennial logo (\$10.00). All proceeds from hat sales to KTEF These unique items can be viewed at www.albertp@edemolay.org/yorkrit&indeLhtml Send your order (include \$2.00 for mailing costs) and your check, payable to 200.5 Grand ConN,w, to James N Higdon, 10122 N Manion, San Antonio, IX 78213. Items will be sent day following receipt by return mail. H: (210) 344 1309, 0: (210) 349-9933, e-mail: jnkk@hhslaw.com.

For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, pairs, finest quality available, all ranks, embroidered in extra fancy gold and silver bullion on velvet with Velcro backs: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo, Captain Genera, Prelate (green): \$40; Emeritus ranks: Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (red): \$45; Honorary Past Commander with H.C. at foot of cross, \$50; Grand Commandery, Grand Rep., \$50, Past Grand Commander (purple): \$60; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$95. Also: chapeaux 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; P.C., \$40; Grand Commandery, \$45; P.G.C. (purple e), \$60; Grand Encampment and special orders, 5. Metal lapel crosses (pair): Sir Knight or P.C., \$40, Grand Commanders \$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: let item, \$5.00; 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; NY 10310-2698.

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 KTEF. General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, S. W.; Pataskala; OH 43062.

For sale: S.O.O.B. casual shirts: V-neck with collar, various sizes, polyester and cotton blend. They wash and dry nicely. 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 Mathes-, 4226 Parkcrest Drive, Houston, TX 77034, (713) 947-0719, or e-mail camather@esbcgbbobal.net Put SOOB shirt in subject line. Cost is \$33 plus \$5.00 for shipping for a total of \$38.00

For Sale: Middle Georgia Chapter No. 165, R.A.M., the first R.A.M. Chapter to be chartered in Georgia in 25 years, is selling their newly minted mark/penny for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00, postpaid. Each coin is accompanied with a certificate of authenticity. Checks or MOs to Middle Georgia York Rite Bodies; Charles E. Smith, Chairman; 6559 Cypress Drive; Eastman; GA 31023; e-mail chuck.e.smith@8us.army.roil

For sale: Grand Chapter, RAM., of New York State 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 Ave, Massapequa, NY 11758-4818

For sale: 150-year history book of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. This 228-page history of the Knights Templar of Indiana was printed in observation of its sesquicentennial birthday. It contains the history of Knights Templar, biographies of all Past Grand Commanders, and a record of the establishment of all Indiana Commanderies, The cost of the book is \$18.00, including shipping and handling. Order through John V Stevens, Grand Recorder; at P.O. Box 1221, Kokomo, IN 46903-1221

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.ppdavis1@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, 11 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, P.M., 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 \$10.00 to same address in US. 25% of proceeds to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund. Send info, check or money order to Ernest P Gentry, 893 Brookside Drive, Winder, GA 30680-2848, e-mail tagmake@att.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 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.

Sprig of Acacia pin: each handcrafted pin is sterling silver with a 24K gold vermeil; it will make a nice gift for the newly raised Brother; price is \$10.00 each, including S & H. Also available is the four immortal chaplains lapel pin, a beautiful pin honoring the chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving up their lifejackets in order to save the lives of others. The price per pin is \$8.00 ea. including S & H 10% to KTEF. New item: Sept. 11 Memorial Masonic lapel pin, \$8.00 each, including S & H-to

commemorate members who lost their lives in terrorist attack-proceeds to KTEF. S. Kenneth Bard, 6809 Main Street, Apt. 2 West, Cincinnati, OH 45244-3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (513) 272-2830,

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

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 KTER Check or MO to Robert L Breeding at 405 Ascot Court, Knoxville, TN 37923-5807. View info at buyyourrownbook.blogspot.com E-mail breeding6.905@bellsouthnet Telephone (865) 599-6335.

For sale: book, Rationale of Freemasonry: 240 pages, hard back: \$30.00 postpaid. % to KTEF. Make check payable to and order from Bob Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921

For sale: rare model 2 (1923) Dudley Masonic pocket watch restored to original condition, 1975 model #30 Blue Lodge desk or mantel Masonic clock by Marion Kay-9 inch by 9 inch, late 1800 or early 1900 Knights of Labor sword, W. K Sweet, Kansas, with scabbard. Contact Jim, (916) 961-5687 or fax to same number for additional information.

Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 33 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 Hawaiian and Alaskan pennies. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Rood, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705, (520) 888-7585

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

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Wanted: Hudson motor car company or Hudson car dealership memorabilia. Sir Knight Jim Roush, 61209 Spenser Road, Cassopolis, MI 49031 or email baldy@beanstalk.net

Our Philosophic Rationale

The society of Freemasons seeks to improve the life of each individual Brother, by making and sustaining those teachings as taught in each of our degrees, as an avenue of fulfillment for life itself. For those of us who are observing those degrees, there is acknowledgment that while we are here on earth we prove our justified existence amongst our fellow men, by living our lives with an untarnished character.

Our rationale teaches that Freemasonry requires that each of the Brethren sets aside time during his day for the devotion of goodness towards man and the study of the Craft, if he is to understand, beyond doubt, the true nature of Freemasonry and to, therefore, practice this art of harmonious tolerance for the living amongst mankind in his everyday life.

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