

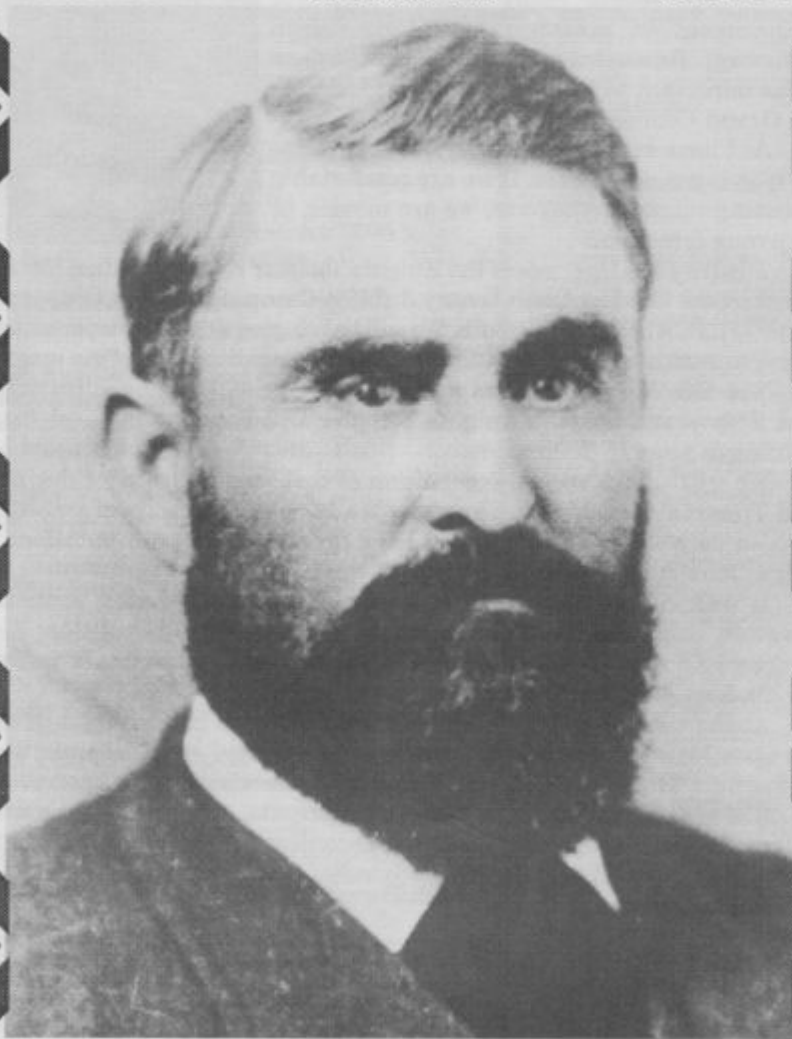


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Grand Master's Message for October 2005

Here I left you and here I find you. We've arrived at another October and another fall season.

There has been a lot of activity over the past few months. The fall series of Department Conferences are well under way, and we are looking forward to seeing many of you at those Conferences.

We are seeing many positive signs of improvement in **membership, long-range planning, financial planning and other areas** important to keeping our Commanderies and Grand Commanderies healthy.

As I have suggested several times, the **status quo** is not acceptable. If we are comfortable in leaving things as they are, we are moving in the wrong direction.

The Board of Directors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has decided to start the **Golden Anniversary Jubilee Campaign** earlier this year. As a matter of fact, it begins this month. We will be bringing this most important effort to your attention and consideration with each succeeding issue of the magazine.

The Eye Foundation has accomplished an astounding success in its first fifty years. Yes, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is celebrating its fiftieth year in 2006.

We will have a special recognition of that accomplishment during the 63rd Triennial Conclave in Houston. We hope to see many of you at that occasion as well. You will see and hear several special presentations and recognitions at that time.

It was my pleasure to meet a **great man and Mason** some three years ago, and I ask that you remember Illustrious Brother Walter Weber, Sovereign Grand Commander, A.A.S.R., Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and his family in your prayers.

At the time of this writing, Hurricane Katrina has wrought devastation upon New Orleans and the states of Mississippi and Alabama. We are setting up a **Hurricane Relief Fund** for those who wish to contribute to the relief of those folks. If you wish to participate, please send your contributions to the Chicago office marked accordingly. (For more information, see page 5.) Let's all pray for a speedy relief for all involved.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth B. Fischer".

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, GCT

Knight Templar

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

OCTOBER: For information on the Grand Encampment's effort to help Hurricane Katrina victims, see Sir Knight Kenneth Fischer's Special Message on page 5. Read about the 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign, starting on page 6: The Campaign, named the Golden Anniversary Campaign, starts on October 1, 2005, and continues through April 30, 2006. Coverage of Knights Templar Eye Foundation clubs is on page 7 and 8, followed by more news about our great charity and a note of gratitude from a recipient. The Campaign chairmen for the Grand Commanderies are listed on page 9. We think you will be intrigued with a secretary's story about the beginning of the KTEF under Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater, starting on page 19. The feature story of our cover personality, Charles Goodnight, starts on page 25, and this month's issue is packed with news from Knights Templar and Brothers scattered across the nation!

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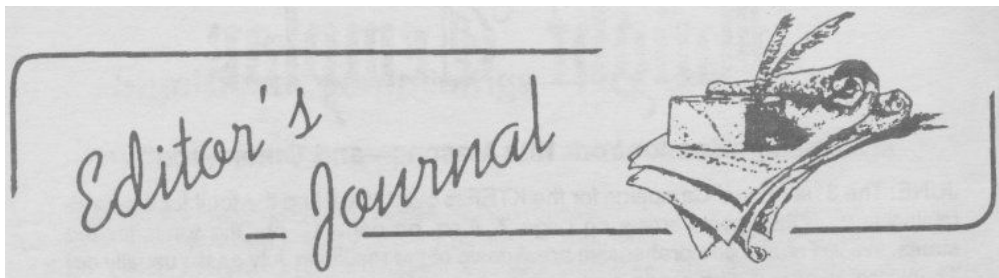
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The Order of Malta is now available on DVDs. Each informative DVI is only \$15.00 each plus \$3.50 for S & H (\$18.50). Also, **the Order of Red Cross DVI** is now available at \$15.00 each plus \$3.50 for S & H. (\$18.50). Send in your order today!

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 Gift's: Available is the 2-volume set of **History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America** by Francis J. Scully, MD, 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 book/let 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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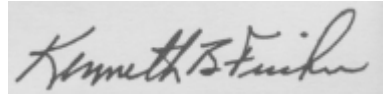
**A Special Message
from Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer**

Since ancient times, the Knights Templar have come to the rescue or aid of those in need.

Because of recent storms that have devastated the Gulf Coast, we are encouraging all donations to legitimate organizations that will help the distressed; however, if you wish to help in the name of the Knights Templar, you may send checks to:

Grand Encampment, Knights Templar
Attention: Grand Encampment Relief Fund
5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101
Chicago, IL 60630-2460

Please designate all checks (pay to the order of): Grand Encampment Relief Fund.



Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, GCT

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have *the* gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, 1-2
King James Version



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Announcing the 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign commencing October 1, 2005, and ending April 30, 2006.

Your Charity has been dedicated to the **Gift of Sight** for **50 years**. What better way to demonstrate your continued Knightly benevolence and generosity than by making a contribution of **\$50** during this **Golden Anniversary Jubilee Campaign!**

Message from Grand Master Kenneth Fischer
The 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign—
Golden Anniversary Campaign

**by Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, Grand Master
of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the USA**

Fifty years! Yes, this is the start of the fiftieth year of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation! We will officially celebrate the anniversary next August in Houston during the 63rd Triennial Conclave.

The Board of Trustees has decided to name this Campaign the "Golden Anniversary Campaign" in recognition of this achievement.

In the past fifty years we have accomplished the following:

1. Handled over 75,000 cases at a cost of over 90 million dollars.
2. Presented over 8 million dollars of research grants for research in children's eye diseases.
3. Participated in the Seniors EyeCare Program of EyeCare America with the American Academy of Ophthalmology, in which we have helped people over the age of 65 to receive over \$6 million in eye care.



These are only the gross figures. The thing that really matters is that we have helped many people retain their sight, we have helped children with crossed eyes live a normal life, and we have funded research which has provided some miraculous new procedures which will help more people than we will ever know. We have done all of this while maintaining our administrative costs at less than 7%. You should be justly proud of this accomplishment.

If we are to continue to grow this great charity, there are changes which must be made. For the past several years we have been taking in just barely enough to cover the costs of our programs. Case loads have increased every year to the point that we are now losing ground. The Board of Trustees of the Eye Foundation have made many hard decisions in an effort to keep expenditures within our means and to raise more money in an effort to "grow the charity." We may have to make more changes during the coming year.

As a result, we have decided to start the Campaign in October this year and carry it through April 2006.

The bottom line is that we still need your help in telling our story to others, outside the fraternity, who would like to help with financial contributions. There are many sources of such help which we are not able to reach without your help. We earnestly solicit your help in this **Golden Anniversary Campaign**.

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No. 4,634–Richard E. Mohs (NM)

Grand Commander's Club

No. 102,217–Billy Farley (TX)

No. 102,218–Robert J. Bartholomew (OH)

How to join the Grand Commander's or Grand Master's clubs: Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual

contributions of \$100 or more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc; 1000 East State Parkway, Suite I; Schaumburg, IL 60173–2460. The phone number is: (847) 490–3838. The fax number is: (847) 490–3777.

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David R. Swartz (OH), 33°
in honor of William E. Estes, 33°

Dallett G. Bowers (PA), 33°

Contributors to the OPC Club

Ethel B. Siron (WA)
in honor of Glenn A. Siron, 33°

San Antonio No. 7 (TX)
in honor of Harry Sinco

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

I am writing to you today with a most thankful heart for the assistance the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., has given me twice when I needed eye surgery. My delay in thanking you has been prompted by the hope that I could write a more optimistic report.

Presently, I do not know how much vision I will regain over the next several months, but some eyesight in the affected eye is definitely better than none. Unfortunately, it has taken three surgeries to preserve even partial sight. Every few days something occurs to remind me of how the limited sight in this eye handicaps me in performing everyday tasks. Thank you for helping me to have the hope of doing these things again.

My husband is disabled, and his needs make it advantageous for me to work part time. Unfortunately, that leaves me without benefits such as health insurance and paid sick leave. Recuperation from three surgeries has caused me to be off work for several weeks without pay while our collective medical bills have grown. Your kindness has certainly eased some of this burden on us.

Some of my family members belonged to the Masonic Lodge, but I had never heard of the Knights Templar until the surgeon's office referred me to you for help. Thank you for your generosity. May God continue to bless your work.

Case numbers 75625 and 76008
Odessa, Texas

KTEF Grants To Moran Eye Center, University Of Utah

The Grand Commander of Utah, Sir Knight B. Carl Lairson, presented checks totaling \$50,000 to Drs. Wang and Zhang at Moran Eye Center of the University of Utah in August 2005. Assisting was Sir Knight Gerald Everett, Chairman of the KTEF in Utah. In the picture below, left to right are: Sir Knights Everett, P.G.C., Chairman, and Grand Commander Lairson; Dr. Zhang, Dr. Wang; and Jim Murphy, Executive Director, Moran Eye Center.



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On the Masonic Newsfront...

**Correction to Message of the Committee on
The Holy Land Pilgrimage (August 2005 issue)**

Attention: Those who are involved in sending ministers to the Holy Land as part of the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage program, please note that the phone numbers for Committee Chairman P. Fred Lesley were incorrect in the Committee Message published on page 8 of the August 2005 issue. The correct numbers are: work: (269) 965-0324, home: (269) 962-3707.

**Five Past Grand Commanders Of
Northeastern Department Hail From Pennsylvania**

Sir Knight Belford A. Belles, Past Grand Commander of Vermont, writes:

"This past Templar year, 2004-2005, provided what could be considered an 'unusual occurrence' for the Northeastern Department, North and South. From the time period of September to September, of the twelve Grand Commanders serving this Department, five of the Red Cords hailed originally from Pennsylvania. Four of these Sir Knights grew up in the northeastern part of the state: Sir Knight William F. Lott of Connecticut is from Montrose, Sir Knight Matthew Racioppa of Maryland is from Shickshinny, and Sir Knights George J. Knorr of New York and Belford A. Belles from Vermont are from Berwick. The odd man out is Sir Knight George Hulsinger of Pennsylvania, who is from Erie in the northwest."

**Cory P. Hicks Wins 2005 Scholarship
From The District Of Columbia Educational Foundation**

Cory P. Hicks received the 2005 scholarship while attending the Masonic Family Picnic held July 16, 2005, in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. He received a check for \$3,000.00.

Mr. Hicks will attend Germanna Community College in Locust Grove, Virginia, and will major in Business Management, so he can open his own business. He is the oldest of seven children in his family and is currently living with his parents. He has a part-time job and plans to get a full-time job during the summer months to help with his general expenses.



In the picture above Mr. Cory P. Hicks in a striped shirt receives his check from Sir Knight Marion Warner, Past Grand Commander of DC. Sir Knight Warner was substituting for Sir Knight Charles W. Wagner, Grand Commander of DC. Mr. Hicks is surrounded by well-wishers at the picnic. (submitted by Sir Knight Hugh A. Shawen, DC editor and Recorder)

A Unique and Special Masonic Family in Texas!



Mrs. Lloyd) Alma Carpenter (left), President of McKinney Assembly No. 263, McKinney, Texas, Social Order of the Beauceant, stands with her son, William G. "Bill" Carpenter (center), who is Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge No. 51, A.F. & A.M., and her husband, Sir Knight Lloyd G. Carpenter, who is Commander of McKinney Commandery No. 34, Knights Templar of Texas. Sir Knight Bill also serves as Standard Bearer with Sir Knight Lloyd in McKinney No. 34, and Sir Knight Lloyd serves as Chaplain for Worshipful Master Bill in St. John's Lodge No. 51.

**Arizona's Sir Knight Maurice A. Storck, Sr.
Logs 22,500 Volunteer Hours**



The Chief of Staff, Executive Office, Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, Jayendra H. Shah (left), M.D., presents a clock to Sir Knight Maurice A. Storck, Sr., at right. Sir Knight Storck, President of the Veteran's National Stamp and Coin Club, is recognized for 22,500 hours of volunteer serve at the SAVAHCS Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on April 14, 2005. The ceremony took place in the Fountain Courtyard in Tucson, Arizona. Sir Knight Storck now has 27,500 Masonic hours contributed to volunteer activities after 16-plus years!

**Sir Knight Elwood C. Hocker, Jr. Is 83rd President Of
Pennsylvania Chiefs Of Police Association**

July 2005 saw the 92nd Annual Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association conference meet at Valley Forge Convention Center in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, and Sir Knight Elwood C. (Skip) Hocker, Jr., was welcomed as the 83rd President of the Association. He is Chief of Police of the Lock Haven City Police Department.



Sir Knight Hocker is active in numerous Masonic organizations, serving as Past Master of Manheim Lodge No. 587, F. & A.M., and a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, Goodwin Council No. 19, and a Past Commander of Lancaster Comandery No. 13. He is also a member of Lafayette Lodge No. 199, E &A.M.; Jaffa Shrine; Harrisburg Corisistory; the Pennsylvania Shield and Square Club; and the Pin Club.

He is also a member of

He is also the Past President of the Central Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police in addition to his position with the Pennsylvania Chiefs Association.

He and his wife reside at the Irish Settlement in Gallagher Township.

The Association is an organization comprised of over 1,200 command level law enforcement officers including not only chiefs, superintendents and commissioners, but also the commanding officers of federal, state, and industrial agencies. The Association provides a wide variety of services to its membership, such as education and training programs, testing and consulting service, legislation monitoring, and mentoring assistance to name a few. It is dedicated to the professionalism of Pennsylvania's law enforcement and strives to provide the tools needed to excel at police service.

West Virginia Sir Knight Harry G. Deitzler Wins 2005 Trial Lawyer Of The Year Award



Sir Knight and attorney Harry G. Deitzler of Charleston, West Virginia, is one of six lawyers who received the 2005 Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Foundation.

Sir Knight Deitzler is a member of Calvary Commandery No. 3, Parkersburg, West Virginia. The award was for "a settlement holding DuPont accountable for C8 pollution." It was a "3-year class action battle which will result in answers on health effects of contamination of drinking water

by DuPont's Washington Works plant.. .The nation's single most prestigious honor for trial lawyers, the award is bestowed annually upon the lawyers who made the greatest contribution to the public interest by trying or settling a precedent-setting case."

"Trial Lawyers for Public Justice is the only public interest law firm dedicated to using trial lawyers' skills and resources to advance the public good. Founded in 1982, TLPJ utilizes a network of more than 3,000 of the nation's outstanding trial lawyers to pursue precedent-setting and socially significant litigation. TLPJ has a wide-ranging litigation docket in the areas of consumer rights, worker safety, civil rights and liberties, toxic torts, environmental protection, and access to the courts."

Reading Assembly No. 117, S.O.O.B., Reading, Ma Celebrates 57th Birthday

Priscilla Chapter, O.E.S., prepared a delicious lobster salad dinner for the birthday celebration, and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Pictured on page 13 are the members of the Assembly and guests. At right front is President (Mrs. Russell) Adelaide Winam, P.P., and standing left behind cake is (Mrs. Gardiner) Marion Lester, P.P. and Treasurer Emeritus. Other guests present from Natick Assembly No. 209 were Past Presidents (Mrs. Wm.) Irene Graham and (Mrs. Ewen) Dorothy Osmond.



**MEMBER OF LEWISTON ASSEMBLY NO. 238, IDAHO S.O.O.B
HONORED BY RED HAT SOCIETY AS OLDEST MEMBER**

(Mrs. E. M.) Marguerite Wygant, Past President of Lewiston Assembly No. 238, Social Order of the Beauceant in Lewiston, Idaho, who is also the current Director of Music for the Assembly, was honored by the Red Hat Society in Idaho in a recent article in the Lewiston newspaper.



Mrs. Wygant still teaches a senior exercise class and celebrated her 102nd birthday on June 14, 2005. She has outlived most of her close family members including her husband and daughter. Marguerite chalks up her longevity to good respiration and exercise with a simple phrase: "Just keep breathing in, breathing out, and eventually this happens!"

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, page 13: 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

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Has Five Grand Commanders



From left to right are Sir Knights: Kenneth J. Faub, current Grand Commander; Albert L. Kappelar, Jr., 2000-2001; Charles A. Games, 1990-1991; Lawrence R. Breletic, 1985-1986; and Howard T. Hardie, Jr., 1979-1980. Four are from Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1, and one, Sir Knight Games, is from Duquesne Commandery No. 72. These men have served the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania for many years.

In Memoriam

Harry F. Yeoman
"Yo Yo the Clown"

August 20, 1911–January 26, 2005

Harry had many friends in the Masonic family, and the staff of *Knight Templar* magazine will always remember the inspirational story his daughter, Lee Maloney, lovingly penned about his experiences as a Shrine clown cheering hospitalized children. This Christmas story can be found in the November 1993 issue.

Harry Yeoman's favorite poem... SURPRISE IN HEAVEN

I dreamt death came, the other night,
And Heaven's Gate swung wide;
An Angel with a halo bright ushered me inside.

And there! To my astonishment,
Stood folks I'd judged and labeled,
As, "quite unfit"; of "little worth";
And, "spiritually disabled"!

Indignant words rose to my lips,
But never were set free,
For every face showed stunned surprise—
Not one expected ME!

author unknown

The Founder Of Flag Day

by Sir Knight Joseph J. Kerr
Chartiers Commandery No. 78, Carnegie, Pennsylvania

The national observance of Flag Day each June 14 is due to the untiring efforts of William T Kerr. For more than a half-century, Sir Knight Kerr campaigned for the establishment of Flag Day, appealing to every United States President from William McKinley to Harry S. Truman. He lead rallies and continually promoted the idea of a special day to honor "Old Glory." Kerr was raised in Lodge No. 219 in Wilksburg, Pennsylvania, and was a member of Tancred Commandery No. 48, K T of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He also belonged to Lu Lu Temple Shrine in Philadelphia. The following article, relayed by his son, describes in brief the life of the man who did more than any other individual to raise the Stars and Stripes to the prominence it deserves.

William T. Kerr was born in Pittsburgh, September 15, 1868. He attended the public schools there, and it is interesting to note that at the early age of 14 he was concerned with the civic, religious, and patriotic issues of the times. He was asked if he would go to Chicago to deliver a Fourth of July speech, and he readily accepted. The papers reported on the very interesting and inspiring speech delivered by a boy of 14. It was while he was returning on the train from this trip that he told the chairman of the committee that if we celebrate our independence on July 4, we ought also to have a day to honor our flag and went on to say that June 14 should be the day since that was the date that the Stars and Stripes became our national emblem in 1777. Thus began the dream, and William Kerr was to spend the rest of his life working to make it a reality.

He began to organize a committee soon after this trip to Chicago and in the next six years was ready to announce the formation of the Western Pennsylvania Flag Day Association. This was in 1888, and their aim was to make June 14 a national holiday to honor Old Glory. Pittsburgh became the first large city to have events leading up to the June 14 celebration, consisting of parades, many programs, and banquets. The school children had their part through participation in essay and poster contests.

In 1898, the Western Pennsylvania Flag Day Association was merged into the American Flag Day Association, making it a national organization. Thousands of letters were written to governors, senators, representatives, and civic and religious groups, along with requests to radio, newspapers, and magazines. Beginning with President McKinley, Mr. Kerr visited each of the presidents to plead his cause. He was later to say that Teddy Roosevelt was the most colorful of those he visited. He had an open invitation to stop by the White House and visit President Roosevelt whenever he was in Washington.

The *Sun Telegraph* of Pittsburgh called him the "Father of Flag Day," as did the *Evening Bulletin* of Philadelphia. The *Post Gazette* of Pittsburgh said "he was Old Glory's most ardent champion, maintaining his schoolboy enthusiasm."

William Kerr was admitted to the bar, but instead of practicing law he chose

a business career with the Pennsylvania Railroad, all the while maintaining his interest in numerous patriotic, civic, religious, and educational organizations. Because of his training in law, he was able to become co-author of Pennsylvania's first compulsory education and free textbook bills with the Honorable John R. Farr of Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was also among those responsible for having the "Pledge of Allegiance" and Bible readings used in the public schools.

It is not generally known, but he was also responsible for the erection, in Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, of a granite shrine with a bronze tablet in honor of the 150th anniversary of the flag. This shrine was built with pennies secured from the children of the Pittsburgh area, and he dedicated it with a great public demonstration. It is reported to be the only known monument of its kind in the world - a monument to a flag. This was erected in 1927, to the great delight of all the children who had participated in the event by giving their pennies.

In 1928, the Pennsylvania Railroad transferred William Kerr to Philadelphia. Soon Valley Forge became a focal point for his many appearances on Flag Day. Through the efforts of the American Flag Day Association, the Weiss-Robinson Bill was passed in the Pennsylvania State Legislature. This bill, sponsored by Judge Samuel A. Weiss, made Pennsylvania the first state to make June 14 a legal holiday.

The American Flag Day Association, never tiring in their work but increasing their efforts, were happy to learn that the 81st Congress had at last passed a bill making June 14 the official day to honor this country's emblem. That law states:

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

That the 14th of June of each year is hereby designated as "Flag Day," and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government buildings, on such day, and urging the people to observe the day as the anniversary of the adoption, on June fourteenth, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America.

Thus, after more than fifty years of continuing effort, William Kerr was able to see his dream come true. In the late summer of 1949, still living in Yeadon, civic leader Kerr was asked to witness the signing into law of this Congressional Bill. He was eighty years old and in failing health when he went to Washington to watch President Harry S. Truman sign the Flag Day Act on August 3. He died four years later in 1953.

When the town of Yeadon was considering what they should do for their Bicentennial celebration, they chose to honor William T. Kerr, a former resident of the town. The Yeadon Bicentennial Commission asked the Franklin Mint to design and strike medals in gold, silver, and bronze with the likeness of Mr. Kerr and identifying him as Founder of Flag Day, Yeadon, Pennsylvania, on one side, and on the other side a picture of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes in 1777. At the town library there is a flag pole which proudly displays our national emblem. On it there is a plaque honoring William T. Kerr, the man who spent his life making a boyhood dream come true.

The article on pages 16 and 17 was submitted by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes; H.P.D.C., P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, and the Chairman of the Committee on Public Relations. He is a member of Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. Write: Charles A. Garnes, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944 or e-mail: charles.garnes@verizon.net

**Baytown Assembly No. 153, S.O.O.B. in Texas
Honors 50-year Member, Evie Kilough**

(Mrs. Roy D.) Evie Kilough was honored this year for being a member 50 years in the Social Order of the Beauceant by Baytown Assembly No. 153 in Baytown, Texas. Mrs. Kilough served as Worthy President of Baytown in 1959 and is still very active, currently serving as Treasurer. She also holds an office in her dual Assembly, Melrose No. 204.

Mrs. Kilough has the distinction of being awarded the title of "Companion of the Temple" by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

Supreme Assembly has used her many talents several times as a Supreme Officer, as a member of Supreme Committees, as Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and as Advisory Chairman for the KTEF. Baytown Assembly honored her with a party and a 50-year pin from Supreme Assembly.



In the picture, Mrs. Kilough is showing off her giant "cookie" at this event.

**Tampa Assembly No. 208, S.O.O.B., Honors 25-year Member
Mrs. Rudolph, at Florida Masonic Family Gathering**



Florida's Masonic family recently congregated at the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg for a weekend of fun and fund-raising. While there participating in a bazaar and bake sale, the ladies of Tampa Assembly No. 208, of the Social Order of the Beauceant, presented one of their members, who resides in the home, with her 25-year pin. Members of Tampa No. 208 pictured left to right, are: Mrs. Young, P.P.; Mrs. Rudolph, 25-year member; Mrs. Gardner, P.P.; and Mrs. Dean, P.S.W.P.

Dreams Can Come True!
Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater and
The Beginning of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

by Mrs. John B. Tieder

When I moved to Rhinebeck, New York, in 1946, I became a member of Beekman Chapter, O.E.S., an offshoot of the Masonic Lodge. At about the same time Walter A. DeLamater and his wife Rosalind had relocated in Rhinebeck. They, also, joined Beekman Chapter, O.E.S., and thus I met this vibrant man who eventually became Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the USA.

Major General Walter A. DeLamater was wholeheartedly immersed in all matters pertaining to the Masonic Lodge, Shriners, and the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar. He found he needed an assistant for his ongoing correspondence, and since I was a former secretary, he offered me a part-time position when he established a small office consisting of three rooms on the second floor of an old brick building in downtown Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York.

I well recall all the special events leading up to his election as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. We all went to Washington, where he was presented with a specially made purple car. He was in full Knight Templar uniform. He was then in his 70s after having recovered from what was diagnosed as a non-recoverable stroke.

His personal life is interesting. His determination to regain his health was achieved because of the care of his daughter-in-law, Rosalind, and they were married in 1942 and purchased in Rhinebeck an old historic home, which had been in the DeLamater family many years previously.

Now for the dream: As Grand Master he wanted to do something that would make the Knights Templar stand out in a special way, and that was the beginning of hundreds of letters to many, many of his Knight Templar friends suggesting that they fund an Eye Foundation open to anyone needing eye care. As there were thousands of fellow Knights Templar, he suggested a small additional charge added to the dues. I especially recall his correspondence with Wilbur Brucker, then a major figure in Republican Washington and a great advocate of the Knights Templar.

On his visits throughout the United States and Canada, he pursued his dream. The correspondence increased to a point where the little office in Rhinebeck needed more backup, and in his usual straight-forward spirit, he got the funding. Every morning when we opened the mail, there would be a check from one of the Commanderies, and it soon became apparent the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was going to happen.

Eventually larger quarters were needed, and the base of operation moved to Chicago.

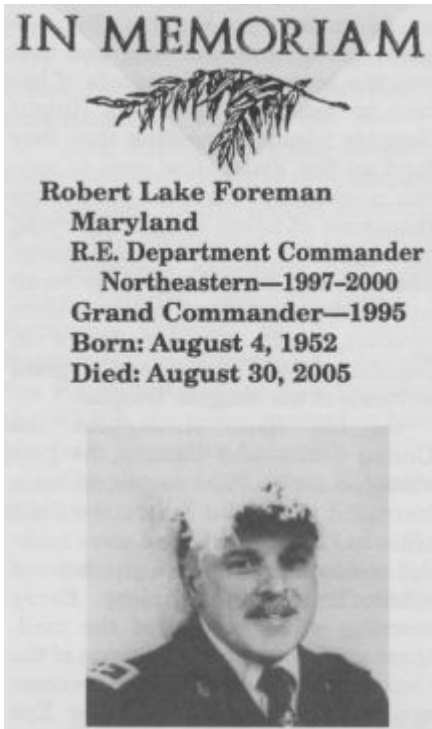
Major DeLamater at this time had to be well into his 80s and chose to stay in Rhinebeck.

It was an inspiration to see him start with zero and develop a major foundation.

Eventually, his health failed, and it was a sad day when I visited the hospital to see him so depleted of all his energy and waiting to die, but in my eyes he

will always remain a special person who followed his dream to reality.

I attended his military funeral service at Arlington National Cemetery, a fitting salute with the black horses and carriage and full honors for a great man!



Sir Knight Robert Lake Foreman was born on August 4, 1952, to Marie and Edward A. Foreman, Sr. He was the youngest of four children. The family resided in Raspberg/Overlea, a suburb of Baltimore. Robert attended Baltimore County Public Schools and graduated in the National Honor Society. After school and during the summer, he worked at an azalea nursery near home and thereafter loved working around the yard and garden at home.

He pursued the vocation of printing, and he worked in that field along with managing a small shop of his own.

Mrs. Tieder is the wife of Sir Knight John B. Tieder, who is a member of Poughkeepsie Commandery No. 43, Poughkeepsie, New York Their mailing address is: PO Box 379, Red Hook, NY 12571

He and Susan J. Krute were married on October 26, 1985. They made their home in the country near Westminster, Maryland. They were members of the Westminster United Methodist Church. On June 25, 1988, they became the proud parents of April Marie, their only child.

Robert became involved with the Masonic family at the age of fourteen, when he became a member of the Order of DeMolay. He held memberships in many Masonic organizations: Order of DeMolay, Overlea Chapter, as Past Master Councilor, R.D., Chevalier, Legion of Honor and Blue Honor and Advisor's Key; Mt. Nebo Lodge No. 229, A. F. & AM., Past Master, St. John's RAC. No. 19, as Past High Priest, Past G.M. of 3rd Veil, Past Grand Inspector, Order of the Triple Thu; Concordia Council, Past Thrice illustrious Master, Past Grand Inspector, Order of ISH SODI; Crusade Commandery No. 5, K.T., Past Commander, Prelate; Past Grand Commander, Grand Inspector General, President, Board of Governors, KT of Baltimore; Past President, Association of Past Commanders, KT.; *former editor*, *Knight Templar Magazine*, MD Supplement; Knight Commander of the Thmple; Francis Scott Key Priory No. 14, Knights York Cross of Honour Registrar; Tidewater Council No. 334, Allied Masonic Degrees, Sovereign Master.

He was appointed R.E. Northeastern Department Commander at the 60th triennial Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 13, 1997, by the Most Eminent Grand Master James M. Ward.

Please keep Lady Susan and his daughter April in your thoughts and prayers.

**(Mrs. Jack L.) Mary Ann Edwards Installed 85th
Supreme Worthy President of the S.O.O.B. for 2005-2006**

(Mrs. Jack L.) Mary Ann Edwards was installed Supreme Worthy President on Friday, September 30, 2005, at the 85th Annual Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant held in Eugene, Oregon. She and her Sir Knight will visit 105 Assemblies across 34 states and will begin on October 3, 2005, with Eugene Assembly No. 198.

After the completion of the official visits by Mrs. Edwards, she will preside in Columbus, Ohio, at the 86th Annual Supreme Assembly to be held September 24-29, 2006.

Mrs. Edwards is a Past President of Dallas Assembly No. 63 and has served Supreme Assembly as Chairman of the Examining Committee for (Mrs. Jay U.) Nancy Ipsen and as Supreme Marshal for (Mrs. Fred) Carole Buxton, being elected as Supreme Preceptress in Addison, Texas, in 2002. Her Sir Knight, Jack L. Edwards, is a member of Dallas Commandery No. 6 and Taylor Commandery No. 85.

She was born in St. Louis, Missouri, moving to Dallas at a very early age. She attended Southern Methodist University, receiving a B.A. degree, with a minor in music, but her love for law dictated where she would spend her thirty-five career years, between raising three children. Mrs. Edwards is a very active member of White Rock United Methodist Church in Dallas, where for the past forty-two years she has served in various capacities as teacher, girls' basketball and softball



coach, youth coordinator with Sir Knight Jack, and as a member of financial and administrative boards and choir; she currently plays with the Handbell choir. She is a Past Matron of Roy Stanley Chapter No. 1086 (Order of Eastern Star) and is a member of Shalman Temple No. 90, Daughters of the Nile, and Nebka Court No. 68, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America, all Masonic appendant bodies. Mrs. Edwards is a third generation member of Chapter AR of P.E.O., an international philanthropic education organization. As an only child, she has stated on numerous occasions that the only way she could get "loving Sisters" was by being a part of sisterhood organizations.

For this year, she has chosen Scripture from the Holy Bible found in John 3:16 and Romans 8:28, from which came her theme: "Love is the Key." As Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Edwards will stress

the importance of rendering aid to the Sir Knights, when requested, and the continued support of their chosen philanthropy, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, through contributions and memorials. To date, the Social Order of the Beauceant has contributed well over 1.5 million dollars to the KTEF.

Membership in any Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant is extended to those ladies who are wives, widows, mothers, sisters

Wielding Our Swords

My daily relationship with God starts with this from the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer*: "Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love; so mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the Banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father, to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen."

As Knights Templar, we vowed to wield our swords for the Christian religion if called to do so. But what is this "sword" we wield? Is it that piece of metal we hold in our right hands, or is it more? Is it us?

I am reminded of a story:

A couple were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. At the party before family and friends, the wife said to her husband, "I want a divorce!"

"A divorce?," he said, "But why?" She replied, "Fifty years and you never tell me you love me."

or daughters of Knights Templar, and we encourage inquiry. Information regarding Assembly locations, membership, or organization may be obtained by contacting (Mrs. W. Dean) Gerry Porter, P.S.W.P., Supreme Deputy Organizer, 3907 So. County Rd. 1187, Midland, TX 79706-6424.

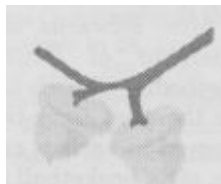
This article was submitted by (Mrs. R. D.) Diane Moore, P.S.W.P., *Knight Templar* contact for the Social Order of the Beauceant.

"That is not true!," he pleaded. "At our wedding ceremony I said I loved you. If I had changed my mind, I would have told you."

Did we only "wield our swords" at the ceremony, and do we not exemplify our faith day by day? Did we "wield" it once, and that is it? Do we as Knights Templar follow the Prince of Peace in all of our lives, in our relations with our fellow Sir Knights, and fellow men and women? Do we exemplify the life we are admonished to live? Think about it.

We are men who can lead by example in our lives and do the work of the Prince of Peace here on earth. As Knights Templar, be that example and lead.

James Lund
Grand Junior Warden
The Grand Commandery of Wisconsin
from the
Wisconsin Supplement, October 2005



Roswell No. 116, Social Order of the Beauceant in New Mexico Holds All-member Brunch

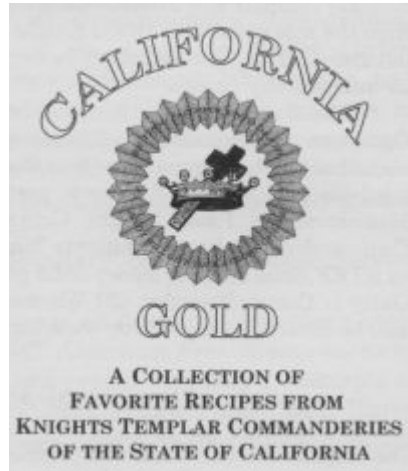
This summer Roswell Assembly No. 116, S.O.O.B., in New Mexico held their all-member brunch at the home of their President, (Mrs. E. A.) Josephine Teaney. Hostesses were (Mrs. James) Vayl Ammons, 1st V.P., and (Mrs. Michael) Carla Stewart, Preceptress. A special guest was (Mrs. Donald) Margaret Berry, who is on the Supreme Examining Committee and is from Lubbock Assembly No. 258 in Texas. Also, (Mrs. Dean) Gerry Porter, P.S.W.P., a dual member from Midland Assembly No. 143, Midland, Texas, attended. About 20 members were present and two Sir Knights, Michael Stewart and E. A. Teaney.



Pictured at: top left, left to right: (Mrs. Bruce) Sharon Rhodes, (Mrs. Vernon) Jan Youngs, Mrs. Michael Stewart; top right, around table, right: (Mrs. Everett) Opal Lankford, (Mrs. Orville) Betty Compton, (Mrs. Charles) Evelyn Berry, (Mrs. E. N.) Cleo Savage, Mrs. Pat Wimberley; left bottom, left to right: Mrs. James Ammons and Mrs. Donald Berry; right bottom, left to right: (Mrs. Dean) Gerry Porter, Mrs. E. A. Teaney, Mrs. John Troster, Mrs. Fletcher Crawford, Mrs. Everett Lankford, (Mrs. George) Edwyl Owen.

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.**



KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2/2 inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. The emblem is to be centered on the Cross that adorns the left side of the mantle or ceremonial robe or on the left side (on pocket) of a dress blazer. The same use is required for the GCT emblem which is bordered with a wreath. The cost of the KCT emblem is \$8.50 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling, and the cost of the GCT emblem is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Contact: Jon Patrick Sweet, 7474 Benton Street, Westminster, CO 80003-7001, or phone (303) 430-8483

Brother Charles Goodnight: Texas Cattle King and Western Trail Maker

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, 33°

In the annals of the Trans-Mississippi cattle business, the name of Charles Goodnight ranks among the most prominent. A native of Illinois, Goodnight began raising cows in Texas for market after the Civil War and within a generation had become one of the industry giants. In addition, he lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three and saw the frontier tamed. The Colonel, as he became commonly known, also spent some sixty-six of those years as a Mason.

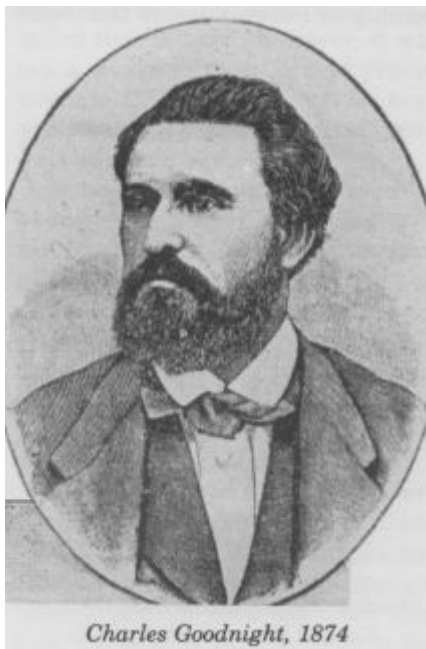
Charles Goodnight was born in Macoupin County, Illinois, on March 5, 1836. His paternal great-grandfather, Michael Goodnight, had come to Virginia from Germany roughly a century before. His descendants became part of the westward movement. Goodnight's father, also named Charles, died in 1841, and his mother, Charlotte Collier, remarried to one Hiram Daugherty. At the age of nine, while Texas was still an independent republic, the youth moved with his mother and stepfather, older brother, and two younger sisters to Milam County in what soon became the Lone Star State.

In 1855 he began a junket to California but halted his trip when he reached the Brazos and initiated his first venture into livestock raising in Palo Pinto County. As he built up his small herd, Goodnight also spent time as a Texas Ranger, keeping Indians at bay during the Civil War years.

One of his first biographers, Dane Coolidge, stated that being a Northerner by birth, Goodnight did not wish to fight against his own people and so served Texas by guarding against and sometimes fighting Comanches rather than Yankees. He was, in fact, doing this as early as December 18, 1860, when he participated in the Pease River fight under the direction of Captain Jack J. Cureton.

It was said that Goodnight spent about four years in the Ranger service, which at that time was more of a volunteer militia group than the state law enforcement agency that it became after 1874. The young frontiersman became especially adept at open plains country scouting.

During the Civil War years, Charles Goodnight also began his long affiliation with Masonry. Due in



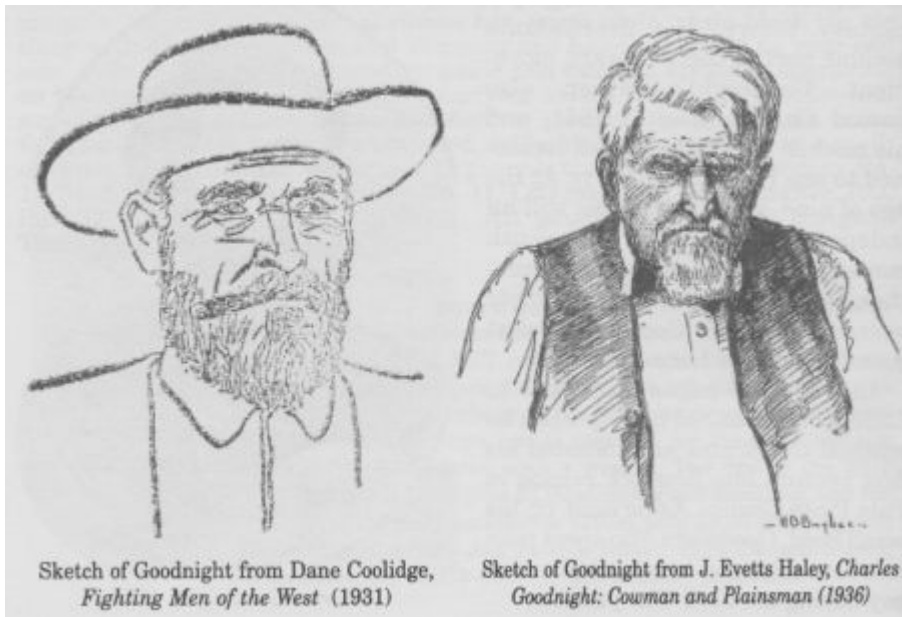
part to likely gaps in the files of the Grand Lodge of Texas, his record is somewhat spotty, albeit voluminous. The future cattle baron took his degrees in Jacksboro Lodge No. 238 in Jacksboro. He was initiated on June 6, 1863; passed on July 4, 1863; and raised on August 2, 1863. The following year he appears as Senior Steward in Belknap Lodge No. 274. On March 24, 1866, he affiliated with Phoenix Lodge No. 275 in Weatherford. He demitted from Phoenix on February 27, 1869. There is no record of his withdrawing or being suspended from any of these bodies, although it seems likely that this may have happened. He may have held membership in a Colorado lodge as he lived in Pueblo off and on for a time. He does not appear in Texas Grand Lodge files again until May 1910.

It was during his time of membership in Phoenix Lodge that some of the most

memorable incidents in Goodnight's life took place. By the time the war ended, Texas was in a sense "cattle poor," with plenty of cows but little market for them.

Back in 1859 Oliver Loving (ca. 1812-1867) had driven Texas cattle to the Denver area to market them in the mining areas. In 1866 Goodnight and Loving formed a partnership to drive about a thousand cattle to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, where the federal government was buying beef at fair prices for 11,000 Indians and to supply western forts at good prices.

From Young County, Texas, to Fort Sumner was a dangerous journey of 600 miles. However, through a series of difficulties and hardships including one junket of more than ninety miles without water, they made it and sold their cattle for eight cents a pound on the hoof.



Sketch of Goodnight from Dane Coolidge, *Fighting Men of the West* (1931)

Sketch of Goodnight from J. Evetts Haley, *Charles Goodnight: Cowman and Plainsman* (1936)

The following spring they gathered some 2,500 head and went up the trail again. They had more problems with the Comanches, lost some four hundred head to the Indians, and Loving suffered wounds which eventually cost him his life; however, once the cattle were sold, Goodnight fulfilled his partner's dying wish that his body be returned to Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford, Texas, for burial with Masonic rites.

Several scholars including Joe Bennett believe that the Masonic ties of the two men made Goodnight determined to carry out his commitment to Loving. According to Dane Coolidge, Goodnight also delivered some \$40,000 to Loving's estate.

Meanwhile, in the coming years some 250,000 head of cattle would be driven up what became known as the Goodnight-Loving Trail, which ultimately extended into Colorado.

It was said that for some sixty years thereafter the cattle baron always referred to Oliver Loving as his "old pardner" and kept his portrait hanging over the mantle-piece.

Goodnight continued in the cattle business until 1871, sometimes in partnership with John Chisum, until he had accumulated a small fortune. He settled in Pueblo, Colorado, for a time and invested his profits. Goodnight married Mary Ann Dyer, usually known as Molly, on July 26, 1870, but lost most of his wealth following the Panic of 1873.

Ordinary men may have become discouraged but not Charles Goodnight, who saw opportunity back in Texas. Since he knew the cattle business about as well as anyone, Goodnight took his remaining herd of

1,600 head and in 1875 drove them to the Palo Duro Canyon country in the Texas Panhandle. He met an affluent Irish immigrant named John Adair, who owned a brokerage firm in Denver. With a \$12,000 investment from Adair and his own experience, the two eventually formed a partnership as the JA Ranch in June 1877.

Initially, Goodnight simply managed the firm at a \$2,500 annual salary and a third interest. Eventually the Goodnight-Adair partnership had a ranch of some 600,000 acres, leased about that much more land, and ran nearly 100,000 head of cattle.

The JA Ranch practiced progressive agriculture importing Durham, Hereford, and Angus cattle to improve the quality of their stock. Goodnight preserved a small herd of bison and attempted to create a new breed by crossing them with cows, called the "cattalo"; however, it was not a success as the hybrid proved infertile (like a mule), but he kept experimenting with the cattalo until well up in old age.

Nonetheless, the rancher received considerable credit for helping save the American bison from extinction. Like other cattlemen, Goodnight had problems with rustlers and once warned Texas Ranger, Captain George Arrington, that if the rangers could not solve the problem, he would personally take seventy-five men and take care of the rustling on his own.

It has been said that the thievery stopped. To again quote Dane Coolidge: "the Old Colonel hated a cow thief and he put the fear into many a black heart." In 1881 the cattle king took the lead in helping to form the

Panhandle Stockmen's Association. Combating rustlers became one of the major goals of this organization.

John Adair died in St. Louis on May 14, 1885, and in 1887, the ranch was divided with the widow, Cornelia Adair, taking her share and becoming at "Cattle Queen" in her own right.

Goodnight sold out his own 140,000-acre ranch in 1890 but did not stay retired for long. He continued ranching on a smaller basis and remained an authority on the cattle industry as a business. He also invested in some mining properties in Mexico.

Charles Goodnight acquired a reputation as a crusty old pioneer who sometimes bordered on the eccentric. He disallowed drinking and gambling among his cowhands on the ranch; however, his principal battle was against the relatively harmless pastime of mumbletypeg, which he opposed passionately. At one point he even tried to get the Stockman's Association to ban mumbletypeg on all the ranches in the group.

A heavy cigar smoker, it had been said that he was sometimes known to smoke a box of fifty in a single day; however, as folklorist J. Frank Dobie wrote, quoting a historian named Lester Sheffy, "under [his] gruff exterior [he had] a heart as gentle and kind as any man ever possessed."

On May 28, 1910, Charles Goodnight became a member of Goodnight Lodge No. 1015 in Goodnight, Texas, the small town near his ranch that was named for him. He retained membership in this body for the remainder of his life. Unfortunately, Goodnight Lodge no longer exists.

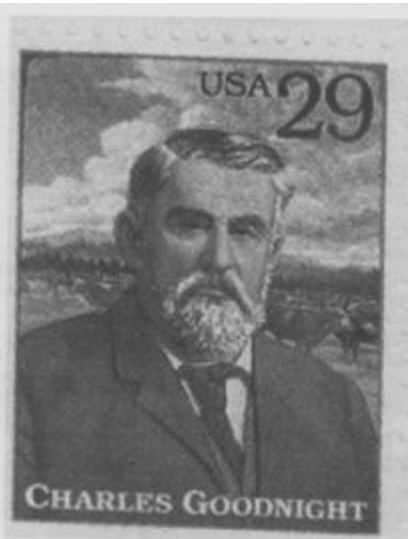
Although not a formal church member, he contributed money to build two churches and also funded in 1898 a private school known as Goodnight College, which was converted to a public high school in 1918.

Widowed at the age of ninety, it seemed that the old cattle baron had nothing else to do but wait for the grim reaper to come, but he soon struck up a correspondence with a younger, unrelated woman named Corrine Goodnight. The two met and married on his birthday March 5, 1927, and she provided the aging pioneer with considerable comfort in his old age. Age finally caught up with the old pioneer, however, and he died in Tucson, Arizona, on December 12, 1929, at the age of ninety-three.

Charles Goodnight seems likely to be remembered as one of the most important of the so-called "cattle kings." Others may have had bigger ranches or made more money, but the Illinois-born frontiersman did pretty well at both. J. Evetts Haley, his principal biographer, called him "the most representative cowman the West has known." The more flamboyant Dane Coolidge termed the Colonel "the greatest trail-maker in Texas - a man who left his mark on the West." J. Frank Dobie wrote, "He made a deeper imprint on the Great Plains than any other man who has lived there." In 1993 the U.S. Postal Service honored him with a stamp in its "Legends of the West" series, the only cattle baron to be included, but not the only Mason as Kit Carson and Buffalo Bill Cody also had their portraits on the sheet. Like them Charles Goodnight stood high in the annals of the American frontier.



Charles Goodnight, ca. 1920



The Charles Goodnight stamp, 1993

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Lewis Atherton, **The Cattle Kings** (New York: Oxford U. Press, 1964). I also appreciate the advice of Sir Knight Joseph Bennett and the staff of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

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Connecticut Sir Knight and Wife Celebrate 70th Anniversary

Sir Knight Edward and Clemmie Nordstrom were married on August 22, 1935, by Reverend John Ramaker in the South Congregational Church parish at a 2:00 P.M. ceremony. They went to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for their honeymoon. Edward and Clemmie have resided in Glastonbury, Connecticut, for most of their lives. There they raised their family.





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(pair), Velcro back: Sir Knight, \$35; P.C., \$40; Grand Commandery, \$45; P.G.C. (purple), \$60; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$75. Metal lapel crosses (pair): Sir Knight or P.C., \$40; Grand Commandery, \$45. Embroidered bullion cap crosses: silver, Sir Knight, \$40; P.C., gold, \$45. Metal cap crosses: silver, \$32; gold, \$38; Past Commander's jewel, gold plate, \$45. All plus shipping, handling, and insurance: 1st item, \$5.00 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

Waco Chapter No. 45, RAM., of Texas is offering for sale a unique silver dollar-sized Chapter penny, featuring the historic Suspension Bridge of Waco, Texas, in commemoration of its 150th year. Send \$7.50, including

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

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

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

Palo Duro Lodge No. 1239, Amarillo, Texas, will be celebrating it 80th anniversary in 2006. Bronze commemorative coins are being sold as a fund-raiser for the lodge. Face has state of Texas with a star at location of Amarillo and the square, compass, and G. Back side has a picture of Lighthouse Rock from Palo Duro Canyon along with name of the ledge and date, 1926-2006. Send check for \$9.00 for each and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Palo Duro Lodge No. 1239, 1701 S. Polk, Amarillo, TX 79102, (806) 678-7973

For sale: Kendall Lodge No. 897 centennial coin: The lodge located in Boerne, Texas, was chartered in 1905 and is celebrating its 100th anniversary in part by minting this beautiful enameled bronze coin. Cost, including S & H, is \$7.50 each. Make checks or MOs payable to Kendall Lodge No. 897 and send to Centennial Coin, Kendall Lodge No. 897, 897 East Blanco, Boerne, TX 78006. For details e-mail kendal1897@gtvc.com

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I 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 & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harry217@bigf6t.com

I For sale: peel-off, vinyl, royal blue square and compass decals designed to fit on your license plate or window, 2 inches high, 1 inch wide. 6 vinyl decals for \$5.00, postpaid. Also, approx. 4-inch reflective-chrome, vinyl square and compass, Past Master or Shrine decals to fit on your taillights, only \$5.00 per set of 2, postpaid. Also, black vinyl, square and compass decals, 3/4 by 3/4-inch, designed to place on the photo or list of your Past Masters who have gone on to that Celestial Lodge Above. 10 decals for only \$5.00, postpaid. All profits go to our Masonic Widows' Fund. Joe Allen, PM., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F & AM.; 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 tagmaker@att.net

I 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: 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 Acot Court, Knoxville, TN 37923-5807. View info at buyyourownbook.blogspot.com E-mail breeding6905@bellsouth.net Telephone (865) 599-6335.

For sale: books, Rationale of Freemasonry: 240 pages, \$20.00 p.p. and The History of Freemasonry in Tennessee, 483 pages, \$30.00, pp. Both for \$40.00. % to KTEF. Make check payable to and order from Bob Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921.

Wanted: a model No. I Dudley watch, reasonable, for my collection. Thomas Maske, 103 Fox Run Drive, Elwood, IL 60421, (815) 423-5343.

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 Iowa, Michigan, and Alaska pennies. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705, (520) 888-7585.

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Autumn Time

With rustling rows of cornstalks,
Gay pumpkins heaped in mounds,
And hubbard squash in hummocks,
The countryside abounds.

*In garb of gold and crimson
The forest is arrayed,
The woodland wears a mantle
Of beauty on parade.*

The summer sun retreating
Leaves tonic in the air,
And in the dawn there glistens
A frosty carpet fair.

*It is a season teeming
With charm and festive cheer,
And life unfolds new treasures
When autumn days are here.*

B. L. Bruce