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Happy New Year—2006!

Historic Knights Templar Activities:



Join your fellow Sir Knights at the 76th Easter Sunrise Memorial Service and at the many other Easter activities. The march up Shooter's Hill is pictured above right. Everything you need to know to participate you'll find on pages 18 and 19.

The 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign— It's the Golden Anniversary Campaign



For the Knights Templar
Eye Foundation, Inc.

Join fellow Sir Knights in your Commandery for fund-raising events, and give generously as an individual to the 38th Annual Campaign. The Eye Foundation has been helping the needy for 50 years. Up-to-date coverage of the Campaign's progress starts on page 7.

Grand Master's Message for January 2006

Another year has come and gone, and we are in the last eight months of this triennium. There is much work to be done and a lot of activity between now and next August.

We look forward to the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service, April 16, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, and we hope to see you there. The committees are planning a great service. The Hotel Washington is the headquarters hotel, and you will find information on the weekend in this issue, starting on page 18.



You should also be making plans to come to Houston next August for the 63rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment. Information on the Triennial Conclave will be on the web page, and registration forms will be sent out soon. Again, there is a lot being planned for your enjoyment.

We also look forward to seeing you at the Conclaves which are indicated in the schedule of visits for 2006 and later. The schedule for Annual Conclaves is also included in this issue.

My wish for you is a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth B. Fischer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, GCT

Knight Templar

“The Magazine for York Rite Masons—and Others, too”

JANUARY: No award is greater than the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, and the list of 2005 honorees starts on page 5. Congratulations to all of you! Coverage of the 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign starts on page 7 with a Message about this Golden Anniversary Campaign from Sir Knight Blair C. Mayford, M.E.P.G.M., Past President of the KTEF, and Trustee of the KTEF. Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer has a special message for all Sir Knights on page 8: The Seniors EyeCare Program needs volunteers, and rewards include that great volunteer feeling plus recognition in this magazine and more! Our usual listing of Masonic organizations and some detail on their meetings for 2006 and beyond starts on page 11, and Annual Conclaves for 2006 follow with some detail to get you started in your planning. Finally, there is information on the Easter festivities in April starting on page 18; you won't want to miss this great event!

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A *Knight Templar* magazine Index, including all previous indexes and covering the years, 1969–1999, is now available

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Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for the year 2005. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected fifty Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

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The 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign— 50th Anniversary of the KTEF

***A Message from Sir Knight Blair Christy Mayford, GCT
Past President of the KTEF, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment
Trustee of the Board of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.***

It is hard to realize that our Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is celebrating its 50th year of service as one of the great Masonic philanthropies. Should you have been a member of Grand Encampment for all of these 50 years or a newly Knighted member, you can be justly proud of your inheritance, an organization that has helped thousands of people to retain and improve their sight.

It was brought to my attention very early in my life just how valuable and wonderful it is to have the sense of sight. I cannot think of anything more horrible and devastating to a human being than that of being blind.

My first boss was a man by the name of "Brian Harrod." He was the distributor in Wood River, Illinois, my home town, of three St. Louis newspapers and one local newspaper. What a gentleman and friend he was to all of us boys; there were ten of us. We each had a morning delivery for one newspaper and an evening delivery for the other three papers. It was a mad scramble in the morning with getting the paper delivered in time to go to school. In the evening we would sit around the paper office awaiting the arrival of the papers to be delivered. Mr. Harrod smoked a little crooked pipe and read to us from his books, all in Braille. His pocket watch had a hinged cover over the face, no glass, and he could read the time with a touch of his fingers.

I will never forget, upon returning from service in Europe in World War II, that my dad and I were in the hardware store in Wood River when Mr. Harrod came in. I went up to him and greeted him, and he said: "Hello, Blair. Welcome home."

I have often thought that with the modern eye care institutions his sight might have been saved. By the way, he lost his sight when he was kicked by a mule at three years old.



Sir Knights, not only does our great Foundation correct the vision and save the sight of those who need our help, at no cost to them, but there is a hidden factor that no one thinks about. The families and dear ones of those who are going through the trauma are assured they are getting the best eye care available in the entire world.

With the aging and declining membership of Grand Encampment, it is getting more and more difficult to meet the budget of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. As our life expectancy increases, eye care services will also increase; therefore, it is the responsibility of all of us to make this, the 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign, a success.

Thanks to our KTEF President for appointing each member of the Board of Trustees as Campaign Chairman of the 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign.

Past Grand Master Blair Christy Mayford, GCT, is a Past President KTEF, trustee of the Board of the KTEF, and a P.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Missouri. He is a member of Ascalon Commandery No. 16, St.

Louis, Missouri, and holds dual membership in St. Bernard Commandery No. 14, Denver, Colorado, and INRI Commandery in Washington, DC. He resides at 14 Duffy Court, Saint Peters, MO 63376-4650.

Seniors EyeCare Program—Volunteers Needed! A Message from Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, Grand Master

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is proud to celebrate its tenth anniversary sponsoring EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program (SEP). Together, we have preserved sight for thousands of seniors. Five years ago we served 3,400 seniors in a 12-month period. Last year alone, we served over 29,000 seniors. As the population ages, more and more seniors will need to access medical eye care.

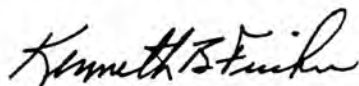
In honor of this momentous occasion and to help others know about the SEP, the KTEF and EyeCare America (ECA) have created a new Sir Knight Volunteer recognition program. The way it works is simple. Any Sir Knight who does one of the following will be recognized in the *Knight Templar* magazine by name and receive a gift from ECA:

1. Put up SEP flyers in your neighborhood listing the Seniors EyeCare Program helpline.
2. Speak at a senior center, church, or library about SEP.
3. Distribute SEP materials provided by ECA (bookmarks, flyers, brochures).

To become an official KTEF volunteer, call the ECA administration line toll-free, 877 887-6327. They will provide the materials or talking points. To help you track your activity, ECA will send you a form to return explaining your SEP activity. Now that we have created a new system for tracking Sir Knight volunteers, please call ECA to let them know that you are spreading the word about the SEP in your area.

One Sir Knight, Rick Clemes in North Dakota, referred a man named Ron Hogue to the SEP. Ron was so appreciative of the cataract surgery he received that he took time to write the following: "You'll never know how much this care was appreciated. Thank you, EyeCare America and Rick Clemes." → → → →

I urge every Sir Knight to follow in Rick's footsteps and share the SEP helpline, 1 800 222-EYES with anyone you know who is 65 or older. Please call ECA's administration line today to let them know about your efforts. They will enroll you as official "Sir Knight Volunteer."



Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, GCT

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign

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Alaska	100.00
Arizona	946.00
Arkansas	3,076.61
California	18,175.00
Colorado	1,059.60
Connecticut	668.00
Delaware	1,113.00
District of Columbia	762.00
Florida	4,177.00
Georgia	6,610.00
Idaho	526.00
Illinois	8,766.14
Indiana	12,887.68
Iowa	1,749.00
Kansas	2,095.00
Kentucky	3,485.50
Louisiana	1,426.00
Maine	1,070.00
Maryland	3,527.10
Mass./R.I.	2,217.00
Michigan	2,268.00

Minnesota	1,686.00
Mississippi	1,620.00
Missouri	2,862.00
Montana	807.95
Nebraska	663.00
Nevada	421.00
New Hampshire	468.00
New Jersey	1,954.80
New Mexico	1,540.66
New York	2,853.00
North Carolina	3,614.00
North Dakota	253.00
Ohio	7,531.05
Oklahoma	1,809.00
Oregon	721.00
Pennsylvania	10,901.31
South Carolina	3,092.15
South Dakota	600.00
Tennessee	10,556.47
Texas	19,363.00
Utah	305.00
Vermont	968.00
Virginia	10,614.00
Washington	571.00
West Virginia	1,792.00
Wisconsin	5,388.00
Wyoming	521.00
Miscellaneous	38,912.34

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MASONIC CONFERENCES—2006

MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 9–11 Washington, D.C. (annually)	The Philalethes Society Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP
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May 8-11 Springfield, IL (annually)	Current Worthy High Priestess: NO REPORT	Contact: Barbara C. Eagan Supreme Worthy Scribe 9731 S. Mansfield Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453
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July 24-26
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August 2-6
Vancouver, BC,
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(annually)

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Houston, TX
(triennially)

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August 27-29
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August 27-30, 2008
Indianapolis, IN
(triennially)

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August 27-30, 2008 Indianapolis, IN (triennially)	Current General Grand Master: Maurice "Bud" Himes 1314 Fern Road Slocomb, AL 36375	Contact: Ron Fullerlove General Grand Recorder 216 N. Van Buren Pierre, SD 57501
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June 14-17 Daytona Beach, FL (annually)	Presiding Grand Monarch: Clayton E. Simons 1171 Peach Tree Road Daytona Beach, FL 32114	Contact: Clayton E. Simons Grand Monarch 1696 Brice Road Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
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September 21-23 Rochester, NY (annually)	Presiding Chosen One: Beverly Murray 296 Jamestown Terrace Rochester, NY 14615	Contact: Sharon Carroll, P.S.M.C.O. 3305 7th Street East Moline, IL 61244-3258
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August 7-10 Springfield, IL (annually)	Current Grand Worthy Chief: Gerald Carrell 1725 E. Terrace Court Peoria Heights, IL 61614	Contact: Al Berry Grand Secretary 44960 State Hwy. 104 Chambersburg, IL 62323
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2006 ANNUAL CONCLAVES

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	LOCATION	CONCLAVE REPRESENTATIVE
Feb. 26-28	Alabama	Decatur	Sid C. Dorris III
March 3-5	New Jersey	Somerset	David D. Goodwin
March 4	Alaska	Anchorage	Kenneth B. Fischer
March 9-11	Arkansas	North Little Rock	Clifford L. Duncan
March 10	Delaware	Wilmington	Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.
March 11	Portugal	Lisbon	
March 12-14	South Carolina	Greenville	David D. Goodwin
March 18-19	District of Columbia	Hotel Washington	Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.
March 19-21	North Carolina	Hickory	Sid C. Dorris III
March 24-25	Mississippi	Meridian	Sid C. Dorris III
March 25	North Dakota	Fargo	James N. Karnegis
March 31	Kansas	Salina	David D. Goodwin
March 31	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Richard B. Baldwin
April 8	Nebraska	Columbus	Kenneth B. Fischer
April 8	Oregon	Wilsonville	William H. Koon II
April 9-11	Louisiana	Shreveport	Clifford L. Duncan
April 21	New Mexico	Albuquerque	William H. Koon II
April 21-24	Texas	Houston	Kenneth B. Fischer
April 22	Connecticut	Rocky Hill	Richard B. Baldwin
April 22	Idaho	Twin Falls	Glenn A. Siron
April 24	Maine	Portland	Robert P. Winterhalter
April 25	California	Bakersfield	David K. Baba
April 28	Indiana	Indianapolis	Steven J. Barton
April 30-May 2	Georgia	Macon	William H. Koon II
May 2	Florida	Cocoa Beach	Sid C. Dorris III
May 4-6	Virginia	Charlottesville	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 5-7	Italy	Rome	William J. Jones
May 6	Tennessee	Nashville	Sid C. Dorris III
May 13	Utah	Salt Lake City	David K. Baba
May 16	Washington	Bow	Kenneth B. Fischer
May 18-20	West Virginia	Parkersburg	Steven J. Barton
May 20-21	Missouri	Jefferson City	David D. Goodwin
May 27	Maryland	Cockeysville	Robert P. Winterhalter
May 28-31	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	William H. Koon II
June 1-3	Iowa	Sioux City	James N. Karnegis
June 2	Montana	Bozeman	Glenn A. Siron
June 9	Nevada	Las Vegas	Richard B. Baldwin
June 13	Vermont	Colchester	Edwin R. Carpenter, Jr.
June 16	Wisconsin	Green Bay	James N. Karnegis
June 24	Minnesota	Willmar	David D. Goodwin
July 29	Illinois	Springfield	William H. Koon II
August 25	Arizona	Scottsdale	new Department Commander
August 25-26	Michigan	Grand Rapids	new Department Commander
September 7-10	Kentucky	Louisville	William H. Koon II
September 8	Colorado	Denver	David D. Goodwin
September 15-17	New York	Ronkonkoma	David D. Goodwin
September 16	Wyoming	Riverton	new Department Commander
September 29	South Dakota	Pierre	new G.C.G.
October 5-7	Ohio	Columbus	Richard B. Baldwin
October 20-22	Mass./Rhode Island	Milford, MA	new Department Commander
2007	New Hampshire	No Conclave in 2006	

Whence Came American Templary?

by Wylie B. Wendt

This article is called a "review" rather than a "research," as this latter term is a much abused word. "Research" means a searching for something (literal interpretation: "a searching back") especially with care and diligence, or it may mean careful and critical examination in seeking facts or principles, the purpose of which is to add to the sum total of human knowledge. This article is a study or review of existing knowledge in the hope that it may be interesting to Templars. It does not purport to add any knowledge to mankind.

At the outset we are met with the question as to the origin of the modern Order of Knights Templar. What is its relation, if any, to the Ancient Order, founded A.D. 1118 by Hugh de Payens, and which was abolished by a Bull of Pope Clement V in 1312. The Grand Master of Templars, Jacques de Molay, and the Grand Preceptor, Guy de Charney, were burned at the stake outside Paris in 1314, and the members of the order scattered throughout Europe and the British Isles.

The Knights Templar, as an order, disappeared from the pages of recorded history, only to reappear in the 18th century as an appendage to the fraternity of Freemasons. The missing link between the 14th century and the 18th century has yet to be found.

The first appearance of Templar Masonry on the American continent, or elsewhere as far as any written evidence at present shows, was at Boston, Massachusetts, when St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge, working under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Scotland as a Chapter, conferred the Order of Knight Templar on Brother William Davis (a captain in the Massachusetts militia) on August 28, 1769. The record of this meeting contains the first account of the conferring of the Order of the Temple that has yet been discovered in manuscript or print.

How the ceremonial was obtained or whence it came does not appear, but it is almost certain that the Degree of Knight Templar, as then conferred, had its origin in Ireland.

On October 1, 1768, several regiments of British soldiers arrived in Boston. Among them were the 14th Regiment (Irish), in which Army Lodge No. 581 was held, and the 29th Regiment (Irish), in which Army Lodge No. 322 was held. In the second week of November 1768, the 64th Regiment (Irish), in which was held an Army Lodge, also arrived. These Army Lodges brought to Boston a knowledge of the Order of the Temple.

At a meeting of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge of August 12, 1769, four members of Army Lodge No. 322 were present, and in all probability they assisted in conferring the Order of Knighthood on August 28, 1769, when Captain William Davis, a Past Master, received the four steps of Excellent, Super Excellent, Royal Arch, and Knight Templar.

On December 11, 1769, St. Andrew's R. A. Lodge conferred the Order of the Temple on Paul Revere, and on May 14, 1770, the Order was conferred on General Joseph Warren, Past Grand Master of Masons, who lost his life in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The earliest record in England of conferring the Knight Templar Degree was 1779, ten years later than Boston. In Great Britain, as in America, the degree was conferred in Lodges or in Chapters working under Lodge warrants.

In "Highlights of Templary History" by the late William Moseley Brown, P.G.C., Virginia, the following events are dated:

"February 7, 1779, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Thomas Proctor is designated a Knight Templar in a public address.

"Sometime during 1780, Charleston, South Carolina: An Encampment of Knights Templar is organized.

"March 3, 1782, Charleston, South Carolina: Lodge No. 190 issues a certificate to Donald McPherson, stating that he had been dubbed a Knight Templar. This is the oldest Knights Templar certificate known to be in existence.

"August 1, 1783, Charleston, South Carolina: Henry Beaumont receives diploma certifying he had received the degrees of Royal Arch, Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1, Charleston." (end of quotations from Brown's "Highlights")

In Boston St. Andrew's Royal Arch Lodge continued to confer the Templar Degree until November 12, 1794, when it was taken over by a Council of Red Cross Knights which had been organized by Benjamin Hurd shortly before that date. In the *History of the Grand Encampment* by Francis J. Scully, P.G.C., Arkansas, the following appears: "There are no remaining records of that Council, but in the minutes of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter on February 3, 1797, there is the following note:

"Voted: That the Knights of the Red Cross by Benjamin Hurd, Jr., be, and they hereby are, permitted to make their records in the books of this Chapter." (end of quotations from Scully's *History*)

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

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PRELIMINARY EASTER—2006

The 76th Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, April 16, 2006, and will begin at 7:30 A.M. As in previous years, this Service and the breakfast after will complete a memorable weekend of events in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., including delegation dinners, tours, and Masonic fellowship. For one event, it is to be noted that the cherry blossoms should be in full bloom—a sure sign of spring!

THE HOTEL WASHINGTON

The main hotel will again be the Hotel Washington in downtown Washington, D.C. Our special Knights Templar rate is \$95.00 per room, based on double occupancy. Write the hotel to make your reservations: Hotel Washington, ATTN: Grand Encampment Easter Program, 515 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Include your check or credit card number.

You may also call the Hotel Washington at (800) 424-9540, and speak with Sandy Warner to make reservations for rooms, giving your credit card number for billing.

Check with the hotel upon arrival to insure all your reservations are complete.

MEALS

Prices are: A meal package is available for \$40.00 per person, which includes Saturday luncheon and Sunday breakfast. Order your meal tickets from the Grand Encampment office. Mail your check payable to *Grand Encampment* to 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101; Chicago; IL 60630.

Individual tickets may be ordered separately: Saturday luncheon, \$35.00; Sunday breakfast, \$15.00.

Note: The hotel and meal ticket cutoff date is March 22, 2006. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

GRAND COMMANDERS AND THEIR LADIES

Grand Commanders and their ladies may attend the Saturday luncheon, courtesy of the Grand Encampment by prior reservation ONLY.

OUR GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, and his officers will greet everyone at the Saturday luncheon. *This will be Ken's and Arlene's last Easter as our Grand Master and his lady, so let's get a big crowd out for this fine occasion in Washington.*

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS

On Saturday, April 15, 2006, at 9:15 A.M., the Grand Commandery of Indiana will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery honoring their members who fell in combat as members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. They have again asked that everyone be invited to attend. The details of the trip to Arlington will be available when you arrive.

EASTER MORNING PROGRAM

The Hotel Washington will be serving coffee and pastries beginning at 5:30 A.M., Easter morning. The buses will be available to leave at 6:15 A.M. to take members and their ladies to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for the Sunrise Services. The buses will return to the hotel after the Service at about 9:30

A.M. so you can enjoy breakfast and meeting with friends.

There will also be coffee and donuts available at the Memorial for those not staying at the Hotel Washington. They will be served in the West Dining Room.

PARADE FORMATION

The parade will form on the lane leading up the hill. Delegations will form according to their entry into the Grand Encampment, senior to junior, and markers for each will be in place. As in the last seven years, the Maryland delegation in their black plumes will appear before the formal parade with drummers and form a passion cross in the stands. The Grand Commandery of Maryland would also like to invite any of the other Commanderies which wear the black plume to get in touch and participate in the formation of the Cross. The parade will step off at 7:10 A.M., proceed up the hill, render "Eyes Right" on passing the Grand Master and his staff, and then proceed into seats as directed. Formation of three squads each is suggested, as well as at Secure Swords, in order to avoid bunching up on top of the hill. Colors will Right Flank at the podium and column Left and column Right and post the colors as directed. Parking for cars and buses is available at the top of the hill next to the Memorial. However, no vehicles will be permitted up the roadway after 7:00 A.M.

OTHER DETAILS

Delegations desiring to make any special group arrangements should call Sandy Warner at the Hotel number. Delegations staying at other hotels or motels must provide their own transportation or meet at the Hotel Washington. Recognition is made to the Grand Commandery having the most Sir Knights in uniform in the

parade and to the Grand Commandery having the highest percentage of its members in uniform in the parade. Prior to the service, Kena Shrine Band will provide music beginning at 7:00 A.M. Easter selections will be played as the parade moves out following the Assembly bugle call. The Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Thomas G. Keithly, will conduct the Service.

Reservations should be made for rooms and any other activities by March 22, 2006.

GRAND COMMANDERS ARE REQUESTED TO APPOINT A DELEGATION CHAIRMAN AND NOTIFY GRAND MASTER KENNETH B. FISCHER, 5138 SHADY OAKS, FRIENDSWOOD, TX 77546-3018, TELEPHONE NO.: home at night: (281) 482-0721; office: (713) 407-7269; FAX: (281) 482-0855, E-MAIL: KBF813@AOL.com in order to receive all mailings concerning this event and to facilitate adequate planning! FORMS WILL BE SENT IN JANUARY 2006. PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS SO THAT WE CAN ADEQUATELY PLAN FOR THIS EVENT.



EASTER 2006

HOTEL

\$95.00 Room Rate (mention Grand Encampment)

Make your hotel reservations directly with the **Hotel Washington**
515 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20004, 800-424-9540

MEAL TICKETS

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includes Saturday luncheon and Sunday breakfast

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Direct questions to:
The Grand Encampment Office
773-777-3300



KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2½ 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.

MINNESOTA "EYE-GAVE" PIN STILL AVAILABLE AND BENEFITING THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The red, white and blue "EYE I GAVE" pin, a fund-raiser for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, is still available at \$5.00 each including shipping and handling. **All proceeds go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.** Make checks payable to: Minnesota Grand Commandery, and send to: Allan Kauppi, 10508 Redwood Street, N.W.; Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

The following is a rare report of Presentations of the Mayo Clinic Ophthalmology Department, a personally guided tour sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., and attended by participants at the North Central Department Conference.

THE EYES HAVE IT! Advances in Research and Eye Care

**by Sir Knight James N. Karnegis, M.D., Ph.D.
Department Commander of the North Central Department
Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the U.S.A.**

It is a rare, if not unheard of, opportunity to hear presentations about eye diseases by world famous medical researchers and to be taken on a personal guided tour of their laboratories. But that is exactly what happened for 115 Sir Knights and their Ladies at the North Central Department Conference, October 2005.

Jonathan M. Holmes, M.D., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology of the Mayo Medical School, and staff members of his department began with presentations about eye diseases and current research.

Douglas H. Johnson, M.D., discussed glaucoma (too much pressure in the eye). He explained how fluid is normally produced in the eye and the changes that can result in glaucoma. His research laboratory uses an organ model that was invented at the Mayo Clinic and is now used by 13 laboratories throughout the world. He is also investigating microscopic changes in eye tissues in glaucoma, as well as the underlying molecular basis of the disease as determined by changes in protein and RNA components.

Jay W. McLaren, Ph.D., gave an overview of the cornea as the "window to the world." He described the neces-

sity that the cornea be clear, transparent, and properly shaped. A specialized instrument has been developed that can non-invasively record video microscopic images of the various cellular layers of the cornea. This technique is used in studying the changes in corneas that occur after their transplantation.

Sanjay V. Patel, M.D., discussed aspects of corneal preservation, surgical procedures for transplanting the cornea, and the genetic basis of certain eye diseases.

Colin A. McCannel, M.D., presented a comprehensive overview of age-related macular degeneration. This disease is the leading cause of legal blindness among those over the age of 65 years. Important areas of current research include new medications and stem cells.

Dr. Holmes reviewed the topics of strabismus (misalignment of the eyes), suppressed vision, and blindness. One of the new research developments involves exactly tracking eye movements by means of computerized miniature video cameras mounted on spectacles.

Following these fascinating presentations, the attendees were divided into small groups and taken on a hands-on tour of the eye research lab-

oratories in the Mayo Clinic. Here they saw and participated in research demonstrations in depth perception and eye movements, measuring the cornea, studying eye pressure, and experiments on proteins and genes as related to eye diseases.

The 115 attendees were most appreciative and enthusiastic about this educational and exciting event. It helped them better understand the mission of their great philanthropy,

the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. There was no doubt that the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is a nationally recognized Masonic charity that plays an important role in the fight against eye diseases by working together with leading ophthalmologists and medical schools.

The accompanying photographs show a few scenes of the presentations and tour of the Department of Ophthalmology of the Mayo Medical School.

NORTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE—2005

Special Presentations and Tour Department of Ophthalmology of the Mayo Medical School

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., sponsored an optional special event during the October 2005 North Central Department Conference, which was held in Rochester, Minnesota, and was hosted by the Department of Ophthalmology of the Mayo Medical School.



Left: one view of the 115 Sir Knights and their ladies as they eagerly awaited the beginning of the program.

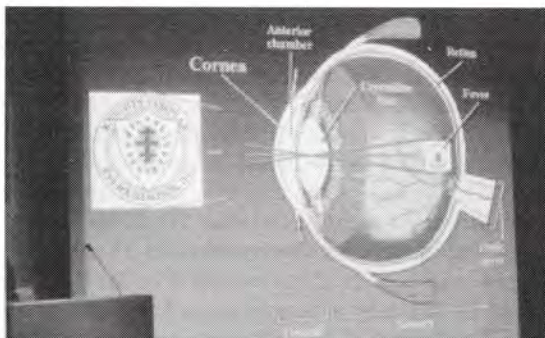
Right: James N. Karnegis, M.D., Ph.D., R.E. North Central Department Commander, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A., welcomed the attendees and introduced Jonathan M. Holmes, M.D., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology of the Mayo Medical School.





Left: Jonathan M. Holmes, M.D., opened the program with a slide entitled "Annual North Central Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., Aging of the Back of the Eye."

Right: A representation of the anatomy of the eye showed how an image of an object (here the logo of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation) is focused on the retina.



Below left: The human eye is a remarkable and delicate structure that requires precise study of its many complex components.



Above right: The attendees were divided into small groups for hands-on laboratory demonstrations and experiments. Here one group is performing an analysis of a DNA protein.

The photograph at right was taken during a visit to the Mayo Ophthalmology Clinic. Left to right are: Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fischer, M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.; Jonathan M. Holmes, M.D., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology of the Mayo Medical School; James N. Karnegis, M.D., Ph.D., R.E. North Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment.



On the Masonic Newsfront

NORTHWESTERN DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE—2005

by Sir Knight Glenn A. Siron
Department Commander of the Northwestern Department

The Northwestern Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was held October 20–22, 2005, at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise, Idaho. This year the Conference was under the general auspices of the Grand Encampment and chaired by the Northwestern Department Commander, Sir Knight Glenn A. Siron. The Northwestern Department Commander arranged to hold the Conference at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel this year due to an increase in attendance and for other reasons. The Safari Motel remained as the motel for accommodations and for use of the hospitality room.

The annual wine and cheese mixer was held in the Safari hospitality room on Thursday evening, October 20, 2005 from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Following this, a special optional event was added for Thursday evening. The Sword of Bunker Hill degree was conferred on twenty-five Sir Knights at 7:30 P.M. at the local Masonic Lodge in Boise by a degree team composed of members from Colorado and Idaho.

On Friday, October 21, the regular business sessions of Grand Encampment were opened by the Northwestern Department Commander at 8:00 A.M. The “Invocation” was given by Sir Knight Michael Pursey, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Washington, and Sir Knight Steven Guffy, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Washington, led the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

The following attendees were introduced: M.E.C. Larry E. Gray, General G.H.P., and R.E.C. Louis A. Bertrand, Deputy General G.H.P., Northwest Region, both from General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International; R.P.C. George C. Sellers, Deputy P.C.W., and R.P.C. Lawrence O. Weaver, Northwest Regional Deputy General G.M., both from General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International; Right Eminent Stanley N. McIrwin, Grand Seneschal, Convent General of the Knights of the York Cross of Honour; and M.W.B. James C. Herndon, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Idaho, A.F. & A.M.

All of the officers of the Grand Encampment were present with the exception of the Right Eminent Grand Recorder, who was unable to attend. In addition, four Right Eminent Past Northwestern Department Commanders were present; Larry Blanchard, Ernest Teters, Joel Bingner, and Gerald Ford. Program participants included the following: Kenneth B. Fischer, Most Eminent Grand Master; Glenn A. Siron, Right Eminent Northwestern Department Commander; David L. Kempfer, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania and Chairman, Knights Templar Educational Foundation; Marvin Selock, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Illinois and Office Administrator, Knights Templar Eye Foundation; and Eugene D. Wright, Past Grand Commander of Oregon. Grand Encampment sessions were closed at 4:30 P.M. with closing comments by Most Eminent Grand Master, Kenneth B. Fischer. The agenda covered all items specified by the Grand Master. Attendees voiced many favorable comments relating to subject matter presented, the outstanding luncheons and banquet including service, and the facilities where the Conference was held.

The Northwestern Department Commander advised that M.E.C. Louis A. Bartrand, General Grand Chapter, and R.P.C. Lawrence O. Weaver, Grand Council, would open their sessions on Saturday at 8:00 A.M.

As required by the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, all seven Grand Commanders in the Northwestern Department and their elected officers were present with the exception of several officers who were ill or hospitalized and unable to attend.

Sir Knight Glenn A. Siron is R.E.D.C. of the Northwestern Department, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the USA, and a P.G.C. of Washington State. He resides at 542 N.E. Fleetwood Avenue, College Place, WA 99324-2030.

WORLD FAMOUS INDIAN DEGREE TEAM TO RAISE GEORGIA CANDIDATES FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

This is a once-in-a-lifetime event!: In the morning the world traveling Indian Degree Team will be in Atlanta, Georgia, for one day only to Raise Palestine No. 486 candidates to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The meeting will be tiled and open only to regular Masons in good standing. Seating is limited to 400.

In the evening, the Indian Degree Team will put on another show that is open to the whole family and filled with fascinating Masonic and Native Indian lore, costumes, and dancing.

Vital information follows: **when:** Saturday, March 11, 2006; Master Mason Degree, 9:30 a.m., and evening show, 7:00 p.m. **where:** the Atlanta Masonic Center, 1690 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303. **Prices:** Indian Master Mason Degree, \$20.00 (in advance); evening show, \$15.00 (in advance). **Reservations: web:**

<http://www.palestine486.org/News/Events/Centennial/CentennialReservationForm.html>

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COMMANDER OF KINGSPORT NO. 33, TENNESEE, KNIGHTS FATHER AND SON



Sir Knight D. Bruce Mullins, Commander of Kingsport Commandery No. 33, Kingsport, Tennessee, Knighted his father Fred at the Spring Festival on April 23, 2005, and his son Hunter was the inspection candidate on August 19, 2005. The Grand Lodge of Tennessee permitted Lodges to accept petitions from men aged 18 or older at their March meeting. This allowed Hunter to petition Kingsport Lodge No. 688 and receive his degrees and the degrees and orders of the Kingsport York Rite in time to be his father's inspection candidate.

The inspection of Kingsport Commandery No. 33 was attended by 56 Sir Knights (50 in uniform). A steak dinner was served by the Kingsport Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant prior to the inspection. The inspection was attended by the Southeastern Department Commander, Sid C. Doris III; Everette E. Young, R.E. Grand Commander of Tennessee; Dennis K. Mikeal, R.E. Grand Commander of North Carolina; 13 Past Grand Commanders of Tennessee, one Past Grand Commander of North Carolina, as well as Grand Commandery officers and past grand officers of the Grand Lodge and York Rite grand bodies.

Sir Knights pictured, left to right, on page 25 are: Sid Dorris, Department Commander; D. Bruce Mullins, E.C. of Kingsport No. 33; Fred Mullins, Hunter Mullins, and Everette Young, G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee.

GRAND COMMANDER AND GRAND HIGH PRIEST LAY WREATH FOR GOVERNOR AND SIR KNIGHT DeWITT CLINTON

On October 29, 2005, a wreath-laying ceremony was held in honor of Governor and Sir Knight DeWitt Clinton in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. It was the last leg of a series of ceremonies commemorating the building and dedication of the Erie Canal.

DeWitt Clinton was not only a pillar of the political community, but he was also a stalwart of the Masonic community as well. He served as Grand Master of Masons in the state of New York, was the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the state of New York Royal Arch Masons, and was also the first General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the USA (now the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International). In addition, he was the first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of New York and the first Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.



Pictured in front of the Clinton monument at the Green-Wood Cemetery is Sir Knight George Harrison (left), R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, and M.E. Walter J. Hilsenbeck, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the state of New York, Royal Arch Masons.

SALE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TOTE BAGS TO BENEFIT THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

This beautiful Knight Templar tote bag is designed for the men and ladies of the Knights Templar, and its sale will benefit the KTEF. The bag's size is 16 x16 inches, it is made of upholstery material, and it has two straps and is lined for extra reinforcement on the inside. On the front and back is a poem, entitled "A Knight Templar," and down each side are the nine battle



shields of the Templar Knights. Also, there is an arch with the working tools of the York Rite and the Almighty Seeing Eye. This tote bag was designed for the members of the ladies' auxiliary to carry their craft items back and forth to their meetings and to Grand Commandery functions, but it was made heavy enough to carry books and other important items for the men. The price of the tote bag is \$25.00, including shipping and insurance. A \$5.00 donation for each tote sold will go to the KTEF. Please send check or money order to: Sandra Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087-0158.

TENNESSEE COMMANDERY SELLS LAPEL PINS TO BENEFIT THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION



In 2005 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 the 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, Beauceant Shield, 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.

LENEXA, KANSAS MASON INDUCTED INTO CITY "HALL OF FAME"

According to Brother Angelo H. Mino: "November 15, 2005, is going to be a special day to remember for the members of Lenexa Masonic Lodge No. 135 and to the M.W. Grand Lodge of Masons in Kansas because R.W. Dale Cantrell, Area 2, Deputy Grand Master and Past Master (1995) was inducted into the City of Lenexa Volunteer Hall of Fame."

With the presence of the full governing body, lead by Michael Boehm, Mayor of the city, and at the city hall council chambers; Cantrell was called to the center of the chambers to receive the great honor. He was presented a beautiful certificate and the key to the city.

R.W. Dale's wife, his three children, and his four grandchildren were there and of course the members of Lenexa Lodge to share the moment when Brother Cantrell was honored for his thousands of volunteer hours for the city and for Abdallah Shrine Hospital Committee and transportation club plus other civic organizations.

Brother Cantrell is now part of the City Elite Club and joins other members of the Lodge with the same recognition, such as Worshipful Brothers: Ron Harger, Joseph Wilson, Robert Anderson, Jim Owens, and Angelo Mino.

NEWS FROM RUSSIAN LODGES
from the Alaska Grand Lodge Russian Relations Committee

The opening of Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12, Vladivostok, Russia, U.D., Saturday, September 11, 1999, in Palmer, Alaska, heralded the revival of Freemasonry in eastern Russia. The Lodge celebrated its 6th anniversary in 2005!

Also, working as a courtesy for the Grand Lodge of Russian, the Alaska Grand Lodge Russian Relations Committee formally constituted Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12 on October 14, 2000. Eight additional candidates from the Far East were initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. M.W. George Dergachev, Grand Master of the Russian Grand Lodge, and R.W. Vladimir Djanguirian, Grand Secretary, attended the ceremonies. A large contingent of visiting Masons from the U.S. were also in attendance.

Additionally, there are prospects for a new lodge in Khabarovsk: August 9, 2005, Vladislav Voitenko, W.M. of Pacific Rim Lodge advised the Russian Relations Committee that he has several candidates from Khabarovsk applying for membership in Pacific Rim Lodge; he added: "One is a manager and wants to organize a Masonic Lodge in Khabarovsk."



In Memoriam
Merlin R. Grundy

R.E. Department Commander
South Central Department—1979-1982
Grand Commander of Kansas—1979

Born: July 7, 1915
Died: November 13, 2005



Sir Knight Merlin R. Grundy was born in Neenah, Wisconsin, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor degree in science and engineering. He was a registered professional engineer and a partner in Robert R. Stephens Machinery Company of Kansas, retiring in 1980. He was a member of numerous professional and civic societies and clubs.

Sir Knight Grundy was a charter member of Old Mission Lodge No. 153, A.F. & A.M., Prairie Village, Kansas, serving as Worshipful Master in 1955. He was also a member of Olathe Lodge No. 19 and Wyandotte Lodge No. 3 as well as a life member of the York Rite Bodies of Kansas City. He served as High Priest of Wyandotte Chapter No. 6, Illustrious Master of Wyandotte Council No. 6, and

Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 21. He was Treasurer of all those organizations since 1972. He was a member and served as the presiding officer of many bodies, i.e, member of the Scottish Rite of Kansas City, HRAKTP, R.C.C., A.M.D., KYCH, York Rite College, Shrine, and Philalethes Society.

IN MEMORIAM



Merlin R. Grundy
Kansas
R.E. Department Commander
South Central—1979-1982
Grand Commander—1979
Born: July 7, 1915
Died: November 13, 2005

Vincent E. Tallman
New Jersey
Grand Commander—1978
Born: December 10, 1923
Died: November 17, 2005

Caulder Barnhart Morris
District of Columbia
Grand Commander—1991
Born: February 20, 1916
Died: November 22, 2005

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.



A COLLECTION OF
FAVORITE RECIPES FROM
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMANDERIES
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

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. Please order soon to avoid the price increase March 1, 2006.**

MILFORD COMMANDERY POLO SHIRTS BENEFIT KTEF

Milford Commandery also offers top quality white polo shirts with pocket. These shirts have your choice of embroidered insignia in full color (nonfading). Select from: Templar Cross, Cross and Crown, Royal Arch Mason, Royal and Select Master Mason, Cryptic Mason, York Rite, KYCH, York Rite College, and Masonic Square and Compass. We also offer a lady's shirt with Social Order of the Beauceant or any of the above emblems. Each shirt is \$30.00, plus \$5.00 S & H. You may add your name or nickname to the right side for \$5.00 additional. Royal Arch Mason shirts are also stocked in red, and Masonic Square and Compass may be had on white or royal blue shirts. There are eleven other colors available on special order. We also offer great 3-season jackets and a light weight flannel-lined jacket. Make checks payable to: Milford Commandery No. 11. Send to: P.O. Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721-0321. For further information, write us at this address or e-mail: Ccwinterhalter@aol.com. **All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.**



Knight Voices

To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to "Knight Voices," The Grand Recorder, 5097 N. Elston Avenue, Suite 101, Chicago, IL 60630-2460. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$5.00 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment. Any submission may be subject to editing. You must submit a written request and check, if applicable, for each time you want your ad to run. Each request must be separate and at monthly intervals, not several at the same time. All other requests for repeat ads will either run just once or will be returned to sender.

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

■ The Grand Commandery of Illinois is planning its 150th anniversary to be held in 2007. Part of the program is the issuance of a commemorative pin, available at \$5.00. Send to William H. Brown, V.E.D.G.C., 4100 North LeClaire, Chicago, IL 60641.

■ For sale: red, white, and blue "EYE GAVE" pin, a fund-raiser for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Minnesota: \$5.00 each including S & H. All proceeds to KTEF. Checks payable to Minnesota Grand Commandery, and send to Allan Kauppi, 10508 Redwood Street, N.W., Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

■ For sale: Knights Templar swords, gold plated trim on scabbard and handle and with white handle with standing Knight. Also has Templar symbols on handle and scabbard, \$150. A. A. Hisernar, 5093 Brown Town Road, Front Royal, VA 22630, (540) 636-9993.

■ Wanted: I am looking for a nice sword that has some history and that was worn by a man proud to be a Knight Templar—a man of honor, a man of integrity. Richard Ivey, 4000 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209, (704) 650-3000 or myrealtor@carolina.rr.com

■ Please help: lost, stolen, or strayed: Past Commander's sword, Nevada pattern, with monogram "DGS" on the hilt and "David G. Stankow" engraved on the blade. Please check swords in your home and armory. David G. Stankow, (480) 897-9555 or (602) 462-9675.

■ Texas Sesquicentennial Conclave Memorabilia: medal (Conclave logo on front, "San Antonio Cdry #7" surrounding cross/crown on reverse) is suspended from white/black "beauecant" ribbon suitable for wearing with uniform or coat (\$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.albertpike.com/malay.org/yorkrite/index.html. Send your order (include \$2.00 for mailing costs) and your check, payable to 2005 Grand Conclave, to James N. Higdon, 10122 N. Manton, San Antonio, TX 78213. Items will be sent day following receipt by return mail. H: (210) 344-4309, O: (210) 349-9933, e-mail: jnh.kt@hizlaw.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 General, 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), \$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, \$50. 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., P.C., 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: Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver trim and silver bullion thread for embroidered crossed swords on flap, skull and crossbones on the apron. These are identical to those worn by all Sir Knights in the last century and still worn in some jurisdictions: brand new: \$75.00 plus \$5.00 U.P.S. A percentage to York Rite charities. Sal Caradonna, P.C., 23 Gail Court, Staten Island, NY 10306-2234.

■ For sale: gold-finish sword lapel pins: men's pin: 1 and 1/4 inches long, with red stone in the center of the hilt, \$7.00 each, and ladies' pin: 2 and 1/2 inches long, with clear stone at the top of the hilt and a red stone in the center of the hilt, \$12.00 each; prices include S & H. Check or MO to Melrose Commandery 159th Grand Conclave, 17120 Theiss Mail Road, Spring, TX 77379. E-mail becky@abercrombieacademy.com. 10% to KTEF. The pins are a special project of the Grand Commandery of Texas 159th Annual Conclave.

■ I would like to invite each of you to a free website dedicated to Templary. The site also serves as an excellent source to find other areas of Templary and Masonry. It also has forms to request free Templar information, better degree work, sustaining membership, and a free NIV Bible sent to you if you so desire, free of cost. Please review the site yourself and leave me any feedback that would make the site better and more beneficial for Templary. Find my site at <http://tiptopwebsite.com/knightsfogd>.

■ 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 authen-

ticity. Checks or MOs to *Middle Georgia York Rite Bodies; Charles E. Smith, Chairman; 6559 Cypress Drive; Eastman; GA 31023; e-mail chuck.e.smith@us.army.mil*

■ **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; e-mail: p.p.davis1@earthlink.net* Proceeds to benefit the 2008 Bicentennial Fund.

■ **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*

■ **For sale:** Kendall Lodge No. 897 centennial coin: This 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 *www.kendalllodge897.org*

■ **Cochran Lodge No. 217, F. & A.M., Cochran, Georgia,** is continuing its long-term charity project: In addition to the Masonic and Shrine jewelry boxes, we are now offering O.E.S. jewelry boxes: all are approx. 5.5 x5.5 x2.5 inches in size, 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.** The price for each box is \$20.00, plus \$6.00 S & H. Postage is pro-rated on bulk orders; please contact e-mail below or call (478) 934-7236 for pro-rated S & H rates. 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@bigfoot.com>*

■ **For sale:** peel-off, vinyl, royal blue square and compass decals designed to fit on your license plate or window, 2 inches high, 1 inch wide. 6 vinyl decals for \$5.00, postpaid. Also, approx. 4-inch reflective-chrome, vinyl square and compass, Past Master or Shrine decal 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. & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran, GA 31014.*

■ **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.

■ **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 *Macey 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 KTEF. Check or MO to *Robert L. Breeding at 405 Ascot Court, Knoxville, TN 37923-5807.* View info at *buyyourownbook.blogspot.com* E-mail *breeding6905@bellsouth.net; telephone (865) 599-8335.*

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

■ **For sale:** book, *Rationale of Freemasonry:* 240 pages, \$20.00 postpaid. % to KTEF. Make check payable to and order from *Bob Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921.*

■ **Wanted:** Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 35 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.*

■ **Special Masonic offer: 30% off custom-designed Masonic lapel pins and coins.** Be the envy of every Mason when you choose from a wide variety of custom imprinted, commemorative favorites such as: belt buckles, commemorative coins, lapel pins, tie bars, pins and clips, money clips, key chains, coffee mugs, medals and medallions, wooden nickels, and much, much more! Perfect for fund-raisers, lodge anniversaries, installations, and promotions in general. For quote info, call or write *Frank Looser, 809 Cobble Cove, Nashville, TN 37211, (800) 765-1728* or e-mail *fhj@comcast.net*; or visit website at *www.cnfinteractive.com* 100% satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. % to KTEF.

■ **Buying all US and foreign coins, paper money, tokens, medals, silver, proof sets.** Also selling gold coins. Call for quotes. Buyer has 40 years experience. **A percentage of profits to KTEF.** *Randy Mogren, 8 Gould Street, Milbury, MA 01527, (508) 865-4816.*

■ **Wanted to buy:** daggers, swords, and any other German military items; US military items; American Flyer, Lionel, and Marx trains or train sets (in any condition); Confederate or Civil War articles; and pre-1924 US stamps. Retired Sir Knight *Tim Rickheim, 14761 Tunnick Road, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716; e-mail vonrueckheim@hotmail.com; call collect (734) 854-3021.*

■ **For a free listing of VHS videos, DVDs, and radio program CDs related to Sir Knight Tom Mix and the Tom Mix of radio,** please send a postcard or note with your name and complete mailing address to *Paul E. Mix, 13116 Billiem Drive, Austin, TX 78727.*

■ **An antique sword I have owned for a number of years is the original "Charter Oak sword," and I need a small amount of sword fish bill and a small amount of Charter Oak wood to restore it to its original condition.** This sword was made in about 1860 at Hartford, CT, from a piece of the original "Charter-Oak tree" and the blade from a sword fish bill. *Eugene D. Bond; 2325 Erwin Road, N.; Holland; OH 43528.*

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