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## Grand Master's Message for February 2006

February is the month for Valentine's Day. It is the time to remember our ladies.

We have heard it time and time again: our ladies are so important to us, we might not be where we are without them, and so on. Well...we, as Knights Templar, know that this is very true, and it is especially true for those of us who have served as officers. Those who have a Beauceant Assembly or a Ladies' Auxilliary associated with their Commandery know how important the ladies can be to the success of our Commanderies. These ladies spend many hours cooking, decorating, cleaning, etc., so that we might have a quality meeting, which is enjoyable for all who participate.



Of course, our wives keep us going and support us as only they can. We learned how important they are in the Order of the Red Cross: Our Ancient Companions, the original Knights Templar, could not have wives or contact with any women, and that theory did not work then either. As we are taught in the Bible, God created man and woman to be "mates," and it seems that he certainly knew what he was doing.

Some would say: you can't get along with them and you can't get along without them! At any rate, we are thankful for our ladies and happy that we have them to enjoy and help us.

I have encouraged the Sir Knights, at various meetings, to buy a dozen roses, a box of candy, or whatever might make her very happy. Take that home, and when you give her the gift, take her in your arms and tell her how much you love her and how much she means to you.

She might spend the next several days trying to figure out what you have been up to! I hope that is not the case at your house.

**Happy Valentine's Day, Ladies. We do love you!**



Kenneth B. Fischer  
Grand Master, GCT

# Knight Templar

**"The Magazine for York Rite Masons—and Others,**

**FEBRUARY:** On page 2 Grand Master Fischer sends Valentine's greetings to all the ladies of Knights Templar! On page 5 and 6 is news about the Grand Encampment move and the addresses, phone/fax numbers, and e-mail addresses you will need to reach the general Grand Encampment office in Bellaire, Texas, and the supplement and editorial office in Chicago. Please pay close attention to these changes, and be sure to use new information where needed when you make plans for the Easter Sunrise activities in April. Much information on the activities of the 63rd Triennial Conclave to held in Houston, Texas, starts on page 7, continuing through page 10. Coverage of the 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign starts on page 11 with a Message about this Golden Anniversary Campaign from Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, M.E.P.G.M. Finally, we think you will truly enjoy the story about Brother Ted Roosevelt, Jr., starting on page 23.

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# Editor's Journal



When you order any of the items below, make check or money order payable to: the Grand Encampment, and send to: Grand Encampment of Knights Templar; 5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire, TX 77401-2402.

● **2006 Update information on the Supreme Shrine, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem:** The current Supreme Worthy High Priestess is Rogene Rogers, 1311 S. Finly Road, Lombard, IL 60148. The Supreme Worthy Scribe (contact) is H. Jo Ann Painter, 421 Hillside Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070-1863.

● **The Order of Malta** is now available on DVDs. Each informative DVD is only \$15.00 each plus \$3.50 for S & H (\$18.50). Also, **the Order of Red Cross DVD** is now 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 (ie. 250, 500, etc.—NO exceptions) PLUS S & H — UPS charges vary by location.

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

● **GREAT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR GIFTS:** Available is the 2-volume set of *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America* by Francis J. Scully, M.D., and *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of*

*America—Book II* by Lt. Col. Jacob C. Baird, Chairman, the Committee on Knights Templar History. As a set, the two books are \$25.00 plus \$4.00 S & H (\$29.00). Separately, each book is \$15.00 plus \$3.00 S & H (\$18.00).

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

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

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

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

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## MESSAGE FROM SIR KNIGHT KENNETH B. FISCHER— RELOCATION OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICE

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Knights  
Templar of the United States of America...*

Dear Sir Knights:

The Grand Encampment office in Chicago has been in a state of change since Sir Knight Chuck Neumann's stroke in September of 2004. Sir Knight Larry Tucker was hired to administer the affairs of that office in January 2005.

During the early part of 2005, repairs and necessary improvements were made to the building to insure marketability. The building was sold on September 12, 2005. I have watched the condition of the office with much interest and concern, always with the best interest of the Grand Encampment in mind.

The situation in the office has continued to degenerate due in large part to employee morale and employee health issues. In my opinion, the office is not operating in an efficient manner and providing the level of service that our membership deserves. It is apparent that we must make a change or the situation will continue to decline.

Your elected line officers and I have discussed plans for the future of the office at length during the year. Since Sir Knight Tucker is the only announced candidate for Grand Recorder and the office would ultimately be moved in 2006, we feel that it is in the best interest of the Grand Encampment to make a change at this time. We have asked Sir Knight Tucker to come up with a written plan to move the office to Houston, Texas. He has done that. We have reviewed the plan and approved it. Sir Knight Tucker has been directed to relocate the office to Houston by March 1, 2006.

Please be patient with us as we move through this difficult period.

In His Service,



Kenneth B. Fischer

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICE RELOCATION

Effective February 1, 2006, the Grand Recorder's Office of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will be relocating to Harris County, Texas.

The physical and mailing address is:

5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire, TX 77401-2402

Other contact information follows:

713-349-9300 (telephone)

713-349-9303 (facsimile)

During the transition, you can reach Sir Knight Tucker at the following:

832-567-0157 (cellular telephone)

letucker @ sbcglobal.net (email)

The Chicago Office of the Grand Encampment closed on Friday, January 13, 2006.

Lawrence E. Tucker, Acting Grand Recorder

## KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE RELOCATION

Effective January 20, 2006, the *Knight Templar* magazine address will change. All correspondence should be addressed to:

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Articles, advertising and supplements should be sent to the above. Deadlines for publication remain as usual. Supplements are due on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you wish to email your supplement, send it to: letucker@sbcglobal.net.



*The 63<sup>rd</sup> Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is only a few months away. You won't want to miss this important event, and if you take the time now to register as a voting or non-voting delegate, you won't have to think about registering later, and you'll save money, too! Use the form below, and send as indicated. You'll be all set!*

### 63<sup>RD</sup> TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the registration form and mail without delay to: Kenneth B. Fischer, P.O. Box 263430, Houston, Texas 77207-3430. Make check payable to: 63<sup>rd</sup> Triennial Conclave.

Registration packets and additional tickets as noted below will be available upon your arrival at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Houston, Texas, beginning on Friday, August 11, 2006.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commandery / Drill Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### VOTING DELEGATE REGISTRATION FEE

Registration Fee .....\$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
After April 30, 2006 .....\$175.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Delegate Registration includes: 2 – Tickets to Grand Master's Reception  
2 – Tickets to Grand Master's Banquet  
Badge, Program Book, and Gift.

#### NON-VOTING DELEGATE REGISTRATION FEE

Registration Fee .....\$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
After April 30, 2006 .....\$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Includes Badge, Program Book and Gift

**Ladies Luncheon, Drill Team Barbeque & Additional tickets may be purchased as listed below.**

\_\_\_\_ Ladies Luncheon, Monday - \$30.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Grand Master's Reception - \$15.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Grand Master's Banquet - \$50.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Drill Team Barbeque - Later \_\_\_\_\_

**Check enclosed for total amount (Registration fee + additional tickets):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Payable to: 63<sup>rd</sup> Triennial Conclave)**

*Use the following form to reserve your lodging at the Hyatt Regency Houston. Your stay and the amenities planned for you by the 63rd Triennial Conclave Association, Inc., will be even more enjoyable!*



## RESERVATION FORM

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA  
63<sup>rd</sup> Triennial Conclave Association, Incorporated  
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IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION,  
WE REQUIRE EITHER:

a) AN ENCLOSED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER  
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-OR-

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PLEASE CALL OUR TOLL-FREE NUMBER AT  
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CHECK-IN TIME: 3:00PM  
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BUSINESS PLAN ROOMS ARE EQUIPPED WITH  
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ADDITIONAL \$30.00 PER NIGHT CHARGE OVER  
YOUR GROUP RATE.

\* RATES ARE SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL  
TAXES, CURRENTLY AT 17%.

\* SPECIFIC BED TYPES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED

\* SPECIAL REQUESTS  
(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY)

\* A \$25.00 EARLY DEPARTURE FEE WILL BE  
ASSESSED FOR ALL GUESTS DEPARTING BEFORE  
THEIR DEPARTURE DATE. ALL DATE CHANGES  
MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO OR UPON ARRIVAL.

DATE OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
EST. TIME OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF DEPARTURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
GUEST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SHARING ROOM WITH: \_\_\_\_\_  
GOLD PASSPORT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ROOM	NUMBER OF ROOMS	CONVENTION RATE
SINGLE (1 PERSON)		\$103.00
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OR AFTER THE ROOM BLOCK HAS BEEN FILLED ARE  
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GUARANTEE YOUR RESERVATION WITH ONE OF THE  
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 (AMOUNT TO EQUAL ROOM RATE + TAX)

AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_  
CREDIT CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXPIRATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_





**BRIEF TOUR DESCRIPTIONS**

**Wednesday, August 9, 2006**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**THE STRAND AND MOODY GARDENS / GALVESTON TOUR**

The Strand National Historic Landmark is the finest concentration of 19th century iron-front commercial buildings in the nation. Once called the "Wall Street" of the Southwest. You will find antiques, galleries, curios, gifts and boutiques ranging from an authentic candy factory, to a military surplus store. There are discount stores and restaurants galore. Enjoy lunch on your own before traveling to Moody Gardens.

Moody Gardens is a 142-acre recreational and educational facility in Galveston. Inside the Aquarium Pyramid, enjoy touch tanks, special diver-to-guest presentations and more. The Aquarium houses thousands of exotic and mysterious creatures from the world's oceans. Observe fur seals frolicking in frigid waters like those of their North Atlantic homeland. Go eye-to-eye with nearly 200 species of colorful marine fish indigenous to the South Pacific's coral reefs. Stroll the million-gallon underwater tunnels of the Caribbean Sea, home to hundreds of fish, including sharks, rays and giant groupers. Experience the massive 40,000 square-foot Rainforest Pyramid. Featuring over 1,700 species of tropical plants and fish, exotic birds, and brilliant butterflies, the Rainforest Pyramid also houses a Butterfly Hatching Hut - watch as butterflies emerge from their chrysalises and flutter into the Pyramid for the first time.



Galveston is also home to the Shriners Burns Hospital which has been a model system of comprehensive burn care and rehabilitation for more than 27 years. Through the philanthropy of the Shriners of North America and in affiliation with the University of Texas Medical Branch, the faculty and staff of this institute have successfully endeavored to develop methods and techniques to improve the outcomes of burned children.

**COST: \$43.50 per person (includes admission prices)**

**Thursday, August 10, 2006**


**9:00 am – 5:00 pm**

**MESSINA HOF WINERY AND GEORGE BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY TOUR**

You'll visit a lovely one-of-a-kind, 19<sup>th</sup> century Texas winery with over 200 years of European winemaking experience. A family tradition, passed down from eldest son to eldest son. You'll learn how grapes are processed into wine and why rose bushes are planted at the end of each row of grapevines, you'll find out as you tour a portion of the 40-acre vineyards. Learn the proper way to "slurp" and "cluck." After this fascinating winery tour, you will enjoy several sample wines in the tasting room.

Traditions at the winery extend beyond the Bonarrigo family. The exquisite Guest Center is also steeped in history. Originally built as a convent, the area of the Center known as the Vintage House will be the setting for a delectable lunch.




 After the tour of the Messina Hoff Winery and lunch, visit the George Bush Presidential Library. The National Archives & Records Administration's tenth presidential library is a tribute to Houston resident George Bush. Featuring the primary sources documenting President Bush's long public career, your group will tour this historic collection. Bush's most famous posts, including Ambassador to the United Nations, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Liaison to the People's Republic of China, Director of the CIA, Congressman, Vice President and President of the United States, are all covered here. Guests will experience the world influences and unique challenges that developed Mr. Bush's life and political career.

**COST: \$73.75 per person (includes admission prices and lunch at Messina Hof Winery)**

**Friday, August 11, 2006**

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**KEMAH BOARDWALK SHOPPING AND SPACE CENTER HOUSTON TOUR**

<http://www.spacecenter.org/>

Discover the Kemah Boardwalk- Bright and colorful, alive with activity. The waterfront town of Kemah has long been a favorite sojourn for Houstonians seeking fresh seafood and a relaxing view of passing boats. Take a relaxing stroll along the boardwalk. Weather permitting live music fills the air. Once in the courtyard guests can browse the shops or sit and enjoy the people frolicking in a large pinwheel-shaped fountain, which randomly sprays water from its 75 jets.

Other amusements include a gas-powered, handcrafted replica 1863 Central Pacific Railroad Train circling the complex. A 65-foot Century Ferris Wheel with gondola seating affords a bird's eye view of the Boardwalk, and a 36-foot Classic Carrousel featuring elaborate horses and menagerie figures is perfect for those who prefer to stay on terra firma. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many restaurants along the Boardwalk.

Following lunch, you will arrive at the Johnson Space Center. As the official visitors' center for NASA's Johnson Space Center, guests to Space Center Houston will experience the thrill and adventure of NASA's accomplishments while exploring the past, present and future of manned space flight.

Guests will have the opportunity to learn more about the International Space Station, which marked a milestone in space history in October 2001—one full year of continuous international human presence in orbit. Current Exhibit at Space Center: The Lost Spacecraft: Liberty Bell Recovered.

Starship Gallery... Journey through the history of space and view what the future holds for this exciting field. Peruse the world's largest display of moon rocks here, with one that you can touch. (60 minutes)

Space Shuttle Mock Up... Tour an exact duplicate of the mid-deck and flight deck of the space shuttle. Afterward, try the "Land the Shuttle" simulator. (45 minutes)

Space Center Theatre... See the current film, shown on an 80-foot wide, five-story tall screen. (60 minutes)

**COST: \$39.50 per person (includes admission prices)**



**THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
SOCIAL PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM  
AUGUST 9-11, 2006**



TOUR	DATE	TIME	# OF GUESTS X COST	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> The Strand and Moody Gardens / Galveston Tour	Wednesday, August 9, 2006 <b>Registration closes July 1, 2006</b>	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	_____ X \$43.50 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Messina Hof Winery and George Bush Presidential Library Tour	Thursday, August 10, 2006 <b>Registration closes July 1, 2006</b>	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	_____ X \$73.75 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Kemah Boardwalk Shopping and Space Center Houston Tour	Friday, August 11, 2006 <b>Registration closes July 1, 2006</b>	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	_____ X \$39.50 =	\$
Total Amount Due:				\$

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*No refunds will be given on cancellation requests received after 10:00 am on Tuesday, August 1st, 2006.*



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

**A Message from Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, GCT  
Past President of the KTEF, Past Grand Master and current Treasurer  
of the Grand Encampment, and Trustee of the Board of the KTEF**

On January 4, 2006, I attended the Newby-Avery Banquet in Indianapolis, Indiana. There was a good crowd present, and it was great to be with Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery, Most Eminent Past Grand Master. It is always enjoyable to hear him speak. Accompanying him was his granddaughter Meredith, who had pictures of her new daughter dressed as Santa Claus.



Sir Knight Lawrence Kaminski, the Grand Commander of Indiana, informed me that a member of one of his Commanderies has passed away and has left more than \$100,000.00 in his will to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. What a wonderful thing to do, to help people to retain their sight! This gift, along with all the contributions made during this Annual Voluntary Campaign, will help the KTEF to continue its mission to help prevent blindness.

Each of us can help by his or her purchase of a Life Sponsorship, by a donation as an Associate Patron or Patron, by joining the Grand Commander's Club or Grand Master's Club, or by making any of the larger classes of donations. Most of the surgical cases now cost \$2,500.00 or more, so it takes all of us working together to continue our "great humanitarian charity." When someone such as this Sir Knight from Indiana makes such a bequest or a large gift to the Foundation, it gives quite a boost to the fund-raising totals! I wish we all were able to do something like this.

I hope to see many of you in Washington at Easter and in Houston for the 63rd Triennial Conclave.

Past Grand Master (2000–2003) and Grand Treasurer William Jackson Jones (2003–2006), GCT, is a Past President of the KTEF, trustee of the Board of the KTEF, and a P.G.C. of the

Grand Commandery of Illinois, 1984. He is a member of Melita Commandery No. 37, Tuscola, Illinois. He resides at 1 South Main Street, P.O. Box 48, Villa Grove, IL 61956-0048.

## NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO KTEF CLUBS

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in memory of J. Paul Reynolds  
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## ROLAND E. WRIGHT, SR., RECEIVES MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

At the Northwestern Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, held October 20–22, 2005, in Boise, Idaho, Sir Knight Roland E. “Gene” Wright, Sr., who is a R.E. Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Oregon, received the Grand Encampment’s Meritorious Service Award. In the picture Sir Knight Wright (center) holds the award he received from Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer (left), M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, aided by Sir Knight Glenn A. Siron (right), Department Commander of the Northwestern Department.



The certificate states that “Sir Knight Roland E. Wright, Sr., has met all the requirements of the Grand Master’s Meritorious Service Award during his term as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Oregon for the Templar year of 2004–2005. His outstanding and meritorious service is hereby acknowledged, and he is commended to all Sir Knights wherever dispersed.”

The certificate ends with the signatures of the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, following the following: “In Witness Whereof, we have subscribed our signatures and caused the seal of the Grand Encampment to be affixed this 1st day of September A.D. 2005, A.O. 887.”

## 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). **All profits will be donated to the Masonic Children’s Home in Macon, Georgia.**

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### In Memoriam from the Grand Commandery of Maine

Carol Lilly Bond, beloved wife of Right Eminent Past Northeastern Department Commander and Past Grand Commander of Maine, John O. Bond, Sr., died January 3, 2006, after a long and courageous battle with metastatic breast cancer. Carol was a teacher and educator for 32 years.

Carol was the recipient of the Knights Templar Companion of the Temple award and enjoyed traveling in the Masonic circles with John, most especially around the Northeast to the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, two sons, and several grandchildren. Sir Knight John's address is: John O. Bond, Sr., 50 Waterside Lane, So. Berwick, ME 03908; telephone: (207) 748-0999.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Gerald Cunningham**  
Nevada  
Grand Commander—2005  
Born: July 5, 1942  
Died: December 4, 2005

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Alabama  
Grand Commander—1972  
Born: August 20, 1915  
Died: December 8, 2005

**Phillip W. Keffer**  
Kansas  
Grand Commander—2005  
Born: August 8, 1924  
Died: December 11, 2005

**Richard A. Miller**  
Michigan  
Grand Commander—1992  
Born: December 11, 1925  
Died: December 14, 2005

**Calvin W. Parker**  
Maryland  
Grand Commander—2000  
Born: May 27, 1924  
Died: December 27, 2005

## **THE LODGE OF WASHINGTON**

**by Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler**

**M.E. Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, 1988-1991**

Possibly no Lodge in the United States enjoys more renown than the one over which George Washington presided as Worshipful Master. This Lodge was first formed in 1782 by a group of Masons residing in Alexandria, Virginia. The Grand Lodge of Virginia was in the process of becoming reestablished in Richmond after its move from Williamsburg in 1780, and the Alexandria Brethren applied for and received a Charter from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The first meeting of the Lodge, for organization, was held on February 25, 1783.

A circular letter received February 23, 1787, informed the Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had been established and requested the return of the warrant issued to Alexandria Lodge No. 39 so that it might be renewed by the new Grand Lodge.

In the meantime, the Grand Lodge of Virginia with headquarters at Richmond had again become active. The Brethren in Alexandria decided that they could more readily send delegates to Richmond than to Philadelphia and in any event preferred to be numbered among the Lodges of their own state. They applied for and received a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia becoming Alexandria Lodge No. 22.

Upon the recommendation of the members, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Edmund Randolph, appointed George Washington Worshipful Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22. He served his appointment as Charter Master from April 28, 1788, until December 20, 1788, at which meeting he was elected to serve as Master for another year. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master for a total of twenty months, during the last eight of which he was President of the United States, having been inaugurated President on April 30, 1789.

Washington was Initiated in Fredericksburg Lodge, Fredericksburg, Virginia, on November 4, 1752, Passed to Fellowcraft on March 3, 1753, and was Raised a Master Mason on August 4, 1753. He remained a member of his Mother Lodge until his death on December 14, 1799. He was made an Honorary Member of Alexandria Lodge No. 39 in 1784 and also held membership in that Lodge until his death.

After the death of Washington, it was the desire of the Lodge that its name be changed, so as to embrace the name of "Washington." Application was made to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and on December 9, 1805, the name was changed to Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22.



When the Lodge in Alexandria was formed, they held their meetings in various public buildings. Some of these places were completely unsuited for a Masonic meeting. By 1785 the members recognized the necessity of erecting a building for Masonic purposes and during the following year sought permission to erect a hall over the Market Building. They renewed their application in 1800, and since they had raised sufficient funds, the City Council approved the project. The first Temple for the Alexandria Lodge was erected and occupied on September 16, 1802. It was the home of the Lodge until May 19, 1871, nearly 70 years, when it was destroyed by fire.

Most of the old furniture, all of the records, the original painting of Washington by Williams, the Master's Chair, the Washington trowel, and a large number of relics and paintings were saved from the ruin, but many priceless relics were lost or destroyed.

The Lodge immediately made plans to rebuild, and a new Masonic Hall was dedicated on February 23, 1874, by Most Worshipful Brother W. H. Lambert, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. The Lodge continued to hold its meetings in the new Lodge hall until 1944 when they moved their quarters to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

[Editor's note: at the time of this writing] The present home of this famous Lodge is a beautiful and dignified room of Colonial architecture. The adjacent Replica Lodge Room contains the original furniture of the Lodge and Washington Masonic memorabilia. Here the visitor may see the original Williams' portrait for which Washington posed in his Masonic regalia. Here also is displayed Washington's Masonic apron and trowel he used to Masonically lay the cornerstone of the United States Capitol. On display is the bedchamber clock, which stopped the instant of Washington's death, and many other items of a personal nature.

Washington was undoubtedly one of the busiest men of his day. He was called upon to fulfill one major task after another, yet despite his numerous duties and time consuming travels, he still visited with his Brethren in Masonic Lodges. His personal records and the minutes of various Lodges show that he visited a Masonic Lodge whenever he could, and it appears that he rarely if ever missed celebrating a St. John's Day. Even during the Revolutionary War and during his presidency, there are records to show that he was ever attentive to his Masonic duties and obligations. How fortunate that such a man was chosen to organize our infant nation, and how proud we are that he was Master of his Masonic Lodge in Alexandria, Virginia.

*Sir Knight Marvin E. Fowler passed to his heavenly rewards on December 11, 2001.*

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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We are repeating Sir Knight Bryant's writing for Christmas because the last part of it was left out in the December 2005 issue on pages 6 to 7.

## Love Is God's Gift

by Sir Knight James C. Bryant

1 John 4: 19: "...because he first loved us." (KJV)

An ancient Greek proverb says you can tell the measure of love by what a person is willing to give up for it. The measure of God's love is apparent in the gift of His only begotten son to save the world. And the measure of Christ's love was the sacrificial gift of his life. The Apostle Paul wrote: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." And Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Love during Advent easily brings to mind God's greatest gift. It may be harder, though, to remember His purpose. Surely, Jesus' death on the cross wasn't just to provide an insurance policy to prevent our damnation and ensure eternal life. Jesus makes it clear that the purpose of salvation—the healing of our mortally-flawed souls—is to glorify God through service here and now. We serve God by obeying His will. Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

We prove our love for God by loving others. By this sign He doesn't mean loving fellow Christians only. He directs our love toward everyone even the unlovely, the unloving, the rude, crude, and unwashed. He measures our love by our response to those in need and tells us that whenever we serve the least of His brethren we are doing it unto Him.

The Russian novelist Dostoyevsky said, "To love someone is to see him the way God intended him to be seen." Loving like Jesus loves us is the natural expression of God's love in us. It turns us into the light of the world and the salt of the earth. It involves us in the work Jesus left undone when he said, "Greater works than these shall you do." Know that we are one with God. We are strengthened, and we can do all things with this presence and power in our lives.

A popular gospel song declares, "I love Thee, I love Thee, and that Thou dost know; But how much I love Thee my actions will show." The sentiment is on tar-

get because love is not something we say; it's something we do. Love makes us bite our tongue rather than lashing out in anger. Love constrains us when we're ready to let somebody "have it." Love causes us to hold back when we really want to push ahead and be first. Love makes us conscious of our neighbor as a person and not an object. Jesus tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In other words, love humanizes us.

The kind of love Jesus demands is not the Hallmark greeting card variety of sentimental love. It doesn't necessarily make us feel warm and fuzzy. No, the love Jesus expects of his followers is tough. It makes us turn the other cheek and walk the second mile and forgive seventy times seven and more. Genuine love for others is the evidence of Christ's indwelling spirit in us. The nineteenth century poet Christina Rossetti wrote a poem, which she entitled "Love Came Down at Christmas." The simple message is appropriate for Advent:

Love came down at Christmas,  
Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Star and angels gave the sign.  
Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, love divine.  
Worship we our Jesus:  
But wherewith for sacred sign?  
Love shall be our token,  
Love shall be yours and love be mine,  
Love to God and to all men,  
Love for plea and gift and sign.

This Advent kind of love is summed up in 1 John 4: 7-11: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."

Love is also an attitude of heart and mind toward God and all mankind. It is made up of patience and kindness, colored by humanity and courtesy, and tempered by unselfishness and sincerity. It is broad, and full, and practical. Love never fails.

Sir Knight James C. Bryant is a York Rite Mason residing at 2865 Lenox Road, Atlanta, GA 30324.

# On the Masonic Newsfront

## TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 17, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY HONORS SIR KNIGHT HERBERT A. FISHER

On Monday, November 21, 2005, Trinity Commandery No. 17 of Westfield, New Jersey, honored Sir Knight Herbert A. Fisher (left), Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia and Honorary Past Department Commander. Sir Knight Fisher was presented with a banquet and a class of candidates in his name. The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross was conferred in full form that evening upon a class of 24 candidates from Trinity Commandery No. 17 and 8 from Corson Commandery No. 15.



Trinity's 24 candidates plus the 9 candidates in the January 15, 2005 class honoring Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, brings the total number of candidates for the year 2005 to 33, which is over a 20% gain in membership!

Sir Knight Herbert Fisher was made an honorary member of Trinity No. 17 and was presented with a Commandery Spur Jewel and certificate in a special ceremony conducted by Sir Knight Robert Maynard (right), E. Commander of Trinity; Eugenio Melendez, E.P.C., Recorder; and Thurman C. Pace, Jr., Past Department Commander.

## TRINITY NO. 17, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY, REPRESENTED AT DEDICATION OF WALLACE M. GAGE LENDING LIBRARY IN MASSACHUSETTS

Five Sir Knights from Trinity Commandery No. 17, Westfield, New Jersey, traveled to the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts, on October 29, 2005, for the dedication of the Wallace M. Gage Masonic Lending Library.

Prior to Sir Knight Gage's death in 2004, he donated his collection of 1,200 Masonic books to the museum. John Ott, Executive Director of the museum, stated that it was the largest donation of Masonic books the museum has ever received from an individual.

**Trinity No. 17 raised over \$4,000.00 for the construction of shelving and displays for this outstanding collection.**

Sir Knight Gage served as Commander of Trinity Commandery No. 17 in 1967 and as Grand Commander of the state of New Jersey in 1973, before moving to Tenants Harbor, Maine, in 1977. He also held dual membership in Trinity Commandery of Maine.

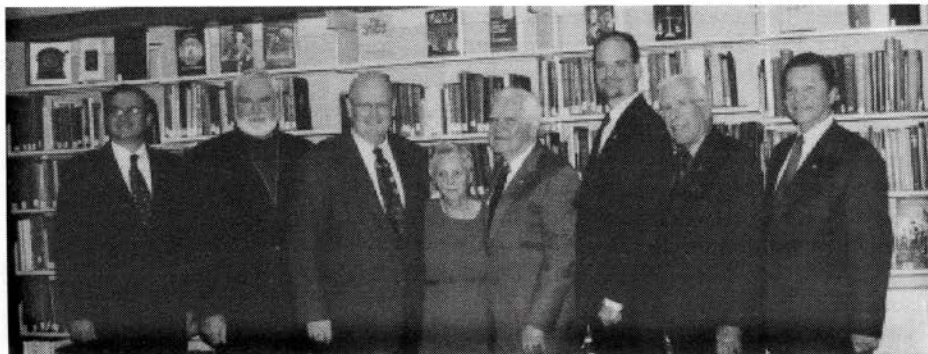
Marilyn Gage, Wally's widow, attended the ceremony, along with 4 of their 5 children, three spouses, and 4 grandchildren.

Trinity was represented by Sir Knights Robert B. Maynard, E. Commander; Eugenio Melendez, P.C., Recorder; Thurman C. Pace, Jr., Past Northeastern Department Commander; Verdon R. Skipper, a member of Trinity who is serving as E. Commander of St. George Commandery of Ohio; and David A. Glattly, member. Ladies Betty Pace and Monica Glattly were also present.

Speakers at the event were: Ill. Walter E. Webber, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite; M.W. Claire V. Tusch, Grand Master of Masons of Maine; Thurman C. Pace, Jr., Wally's best friend and co-organizer of the event; and Marilyn Gage, Wally's widow.

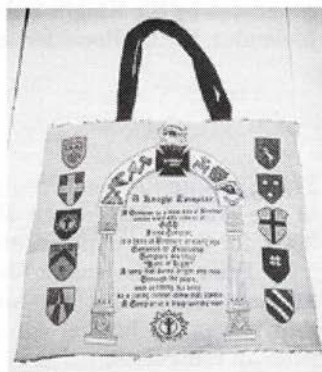
Delicious refreshments were served to all after the impressive ceremony.

Pictured below are: Glattly, Ott, Webber, Marilyn Gage, Pace, Maynard, Skipper, and Melendez.



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

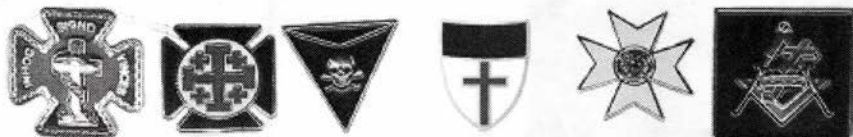
This beautiful Knight Templar tote bag is designed for the men and ladies of the Knights Templar, and its sale will benefit the KTEF. The bag's size is 16 x16 inches, it is made of upholstery material, and it has two straps and is lined for extra reinforcement on the inside. On the front and back is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

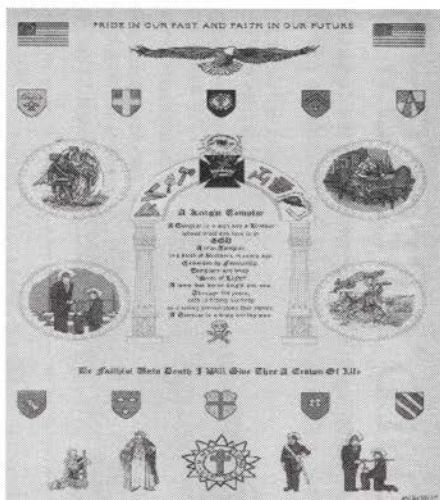
of Hillsboro, Tennessee, topped their donation of \$6,000 for the 36th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the KTEF by donating \$6,500 to the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign.



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 (above) 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](http://www.YorkriteUSA.org).

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AFGHAN TO BENEFIT THE KTEF

The afghan is a tapestry throw of 100% cotton with 360 picks per square inch. It has 2 American flags, one from 1776 and one from the present day, plus our national bird, the bald eagle, the 9 battle shields for the 9 knights of Malta, who founded the Christian Crusaders and led to the Knights Templar period. These battle shields are from the original design, taken from historical artwork of the Grand Lodge of England. Also, there is a beautiful poem, "A Knight Templar," 4 pictures from the past to present of knighthood, and 5 Sir Knights at bottom, early to present, with the far right showing a Knighthing.

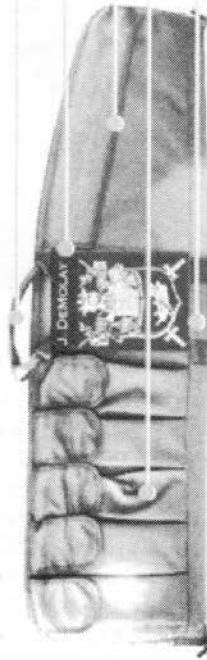


If interested, please send check or money order for \$49.00 to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052. **\$5.00 from each afghan sold will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.**

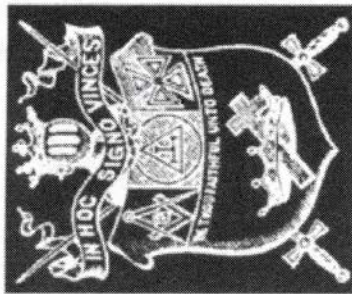
Sir Knight Stan Evans of Cleveland, Tennessee, a P.D.D.G.M., writes that the "first paternal ancestor in America" of Brother Ty Cobb (November 2005, Vol. LI, number 11) was not Joseph Cobb, and he notes that the "extensive work done by John E. Cobb, Col. US Army (Ret.), proved that Ty Cobb's paternal immigrant ancestor was Ambrose Cobb, who came into Virginia around 1635." Sir Knight Evans says that is clearly proven in Cobb's book, *Cobb Chronicles*, printed in 1985, and he states that Ty Cobb is his 4th cousin on his father's side. For more information, you may contact Evans at [stan@stanandmaggie.com](mailto:stan@stanandmaggie.com).

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## Brother Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.: His Father's Son and Military Hero

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KCT, KYCH, 33°

With rare exceptions, most sons of Presidents of the United States do not reach the heights of success and achievement of their fathers. One who came closer than most was Brother Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who managed not only to distinguish himself on the field of battle in two wars but also held a variety of public offices, serving honorably in all of them. Still, being in the shadow of his famous father proved challenging for the eldest member of "The Lion's Pride."

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., was born in the family hometown of Oyster Bay, New York, on September 13, 1887, the eldest child of Theodore and Edith Carow Roosevelt and the second child of the future President. (TR had a daughter Alice Lee by his first wife Alice Lee Hathaway, who had died young.) In the next decade, the Roosevelts would have four additional children: Kermit, Ethel, Archibald, and Quentin. Under the father's direction, the Roosevelt boys received not only a serious education in book learning but also rigorous outdoor activity. The father was often away from home as he served on the US Civil Service Commission under President Benjamin Harrison and then as president of the New York Police Board. In 1897 when Sir Knight William McKinley became President, the elder Roosevelt became Assistant Secretary of the Navy, but he resigned when the Spanish-American War broke out. The year 1898 was a busy one for the future President as he left the Navy



Brigadier General Ted Roosevelt, Jr.

Department for the Army distinguishing himself in the Rough Riders, and by that fall he was a successful candidate for Governor of New York. Eleven-year-old Ted was sent to the Albany Military Academy in the state capital. In youthful games he often led his playmates in playing "Rough Riders." Two years later, Dad was elected Vice President on the ticket with McKinley. As Vice President-elect, Theodore Roosevelt took his first Masonic degree in Matinecock Lodge No. 806. By the time he was raised on April 27, 1901, he occupied the second highest office in the land. His oldest son was thirteen years old at the time and a student at Groton.

When Theodore Roosevelt became President following McKinley's assassination in September, Ted remained at Groton for most of the time, although he did come to the White House for special occasions. After

Groton, the nation's First Son went to Harvard where his father worried that the press was excessively violating the youth's privacy. Although placed on academic probation at one point, the warning he received caused him to reverse himself and devote more attention to study. As a result, he worked harder and graduated in 1908, a year earlier than planned. He took a job with the Hartford Carpet Company in Connecticut and soon began a romance with Eleanor Alexander, whom he would marry in June 1910. The couple eventually had four children. After the wedding Ted and Eleanor moved to San Francisco, where the young bridegroom went to work in the office of his company. Two years later, he returned to New York, where he took a position with the banking firm of Bertron Griscom Company, and then to Philadelphia with another firm. The latter finally provided him with a good income. When World War I broke out, Ted urged support for preparedness and intervention on behalf of the Allies even before his father did.

When Congress finally supported a declaration of war in April 1917, former President Roosevelt asked President Wilson for authority to "raise two divisions." However, Woodrow Wilson, mindful of TR's frequent criticism, refused. Realizing that he himself was too old for field duty, the former President then wrote to General Pershing requesting he include sons Ted and Archie, both in training in the reserves at Plattsburg, New York. The General honored his old friend's request and agreed that both Ted and Archie would be part of the first contingent of the AEF to ship out for France; it pulled out of New York on June 20, 1917. The Lion's

other two Cubs, Kermit and Quentin, also entered military service, where the latter was killed in an airplane crash in July 1918.



Major Ted Roosevelt, Jr., 1918

Ted Roosevelt compiled a quality military record in France. In addition, his wife Eleanor volunteered for the National War Work Council and helped set up YMCA canteens for American soldiers in France. Ted was promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel and commanded the 26th Regiment of the First Division. Wounded in action twice, he participated in the battles of Soissons, Cantigny, St. Mihiel, and Argonne-Meuse. Shortly after the November 11, 1918 armistice, he ran into an old staff officer friend who told him that he had been recommended for several military honors but he had not received them because "people might say that you were promoted or decorated because you're the son of your



father, and might criticize us." Ted's reaction remains unknown, but he had already learned the challenges of being a presidential son.

Initially assigned to a staff position in the army of occupation in Germany, where he was when news reached him of his father's death on January 6, 1919, Ted was called to Paris in mid-February for a special meeting. This conclave had been called to discuss formation of a new post-war veterans' organization, which subsequently became the American Legion. He also met with his recently widowed mother who had journeyed to France to visit the grave of Quentin Roosevelt. Shortly afterward, he returned to the states to help with formation of the Legion but also announced that he would take no prominent office in the group as he had decided to go into politics. That November he was elected to the New York state legislature. Almost immediately after being seated, the new lawmaker found himself embroiled in controversy as a move arose to deny five duly elected Socialists their seat. While denouncing Socialism and Marxism, the new legislator supported them on the grounds that they had been properly elected and by themselves could do little harm. He found himself on the losing side as they were expelled anyway by an overwhelming margin.

During his days as a New York freshman legislator, Ted Roosevelt joined his father's lodge Matinecock No. 806 in Oyster Bay. He took his degrees on December 17, 1919; May 19, 1920; and was Raised a Master Mason on July 7, 1920. Later, he also joined the Scottish Rite bodies in Washington, D.C., and Kismet Shrine Temple in Brooklyn.

In 1920 Ted expressed a preference for his father's old comrade, retired

General (and Sir Knight of Englewood Commandery No. 50 in Chicago) Leonard Wood for President, but he enthusiastically endorsed the

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Harding-Coolidge ticket once Wood's candidacy faltered. On the stump nationally for the GOP Ticket, the younger Roosevelt handily won reelection to the legislature but resigned to become Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In his new role, Ted ironically found himself having to reduce the size of a branch of service that his father had labored to build up in 1897 and 1898. This reduction was the result of the Five Power Treaty on naval limitation adopted at the Washington Conference of 1922.

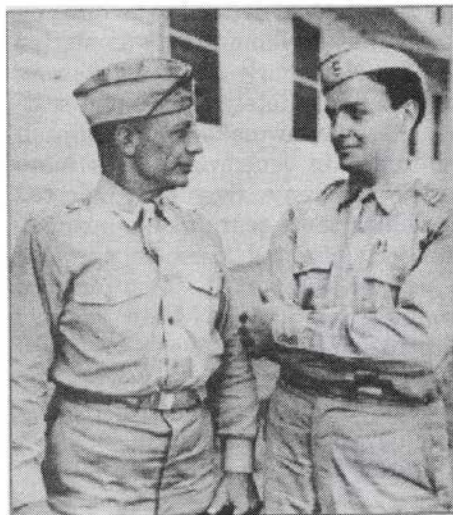
In 1923 President Harding died suddenly elevating Calvin Coolidge to the presidency. Not long afterward, news broke concerning what became known as the Teapot Dome and Elk Hills oil lease scandals. The principal villains in the affair were Interior Secretary Albert Fall and petroleum tycoon Harry Sinclair. However, the Navy Department was indirectly involved and Ted had known Harry Sinclair, so he feared that he might be linked to the sordid affair because he had once owned stock in Sinclair and his brother Archie had worked for that company. A Senate Investigation

Committee chaired by Thomas Walsh of Montana cleared Roosevelt, and a few months later, he tried for another public office running for Governor of New York. A hot contest with incumbent Democrat Al Smith ensued. Much to Ted's chagrin his first cousin Eleanor, wife of distant cousin Franklin D. Roosevelt, toured the state on Smith's behalf with a truck bearing a giant teapot labeled "Teapot Dome." The chasm between the Republican Roosevelts of Oyster Bay and the Democrat Roosevelts of Hyde Park widened. Ted Roosevelt was defeated by the fairly close margin of 108,589 votes out of more than three million cast. It would be his last run for public office although he would later hold significant appointive positions.

After Theodore Roosevelt's retirement from the White House in 1909 and his defeat as Bull Moose candidate in 1912, he had gone on respective safaris into the wilds of Africa and the Amazon Basin. Ted, following loss of the Governor's race, now did likewise, going with brother Kermit on a long scientific expedition into the hinterlands of Asia, a trip that would see them in both deserts and jungles as well as the Himalayas. Following their return to the US, Ted wrote a book about his efforts, and he and Kermit began planning another expedition in search of the giant panda. By the time they returned, Herbert Hoover had been elected to office and had appointed Ted as the next governor of Puerto Rico. He assumed his duties on October 7, 1929.

Originally considered by some Americans as a Spanish-American War prize in 1898, Puerto Rico had more often "proved to be a headache" for the USA. Poverty persisted, and the islanders suffered from frequent hurricanes. Nonetheless, Governor Roosevelt had high hopes that he could improve condi-

tions, even though the onset of the Great Depression made his job more challenging. Still, some improvements came about. He succeeded in more than doubling the number of cruise ships to stop at the island, encouraged more vegetable growing, brought the colony's budget into balance for the first time in seventeen years, induced President Hoover to become the first US President to visit Puerto Rico, and at one point even donated about a quarter—\$100,000—of his own personal fortune to stave off a financial panic. In January 1932 Hoover named him Governor-General of the Philippines. In a year on this job, Ted helped quell unrest by having more public meetings, but when distant cousin Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President, he submitted his resignation, which the new President immediately accepted.



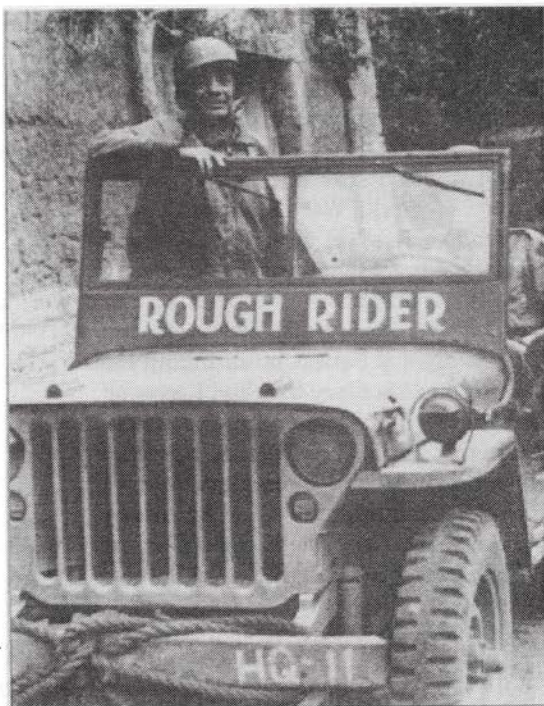
Colonel Roosevelt, Jr., with son Quentin, June 1941

Back in civilian and private life, Ted Roosevelt took a job with American Express and later in 1935 with the publishing firm of Doubleday, Doran and Company, which had published his own latest book. As war clouds began to gather in Europe, Ted became an advocate of

neutrality and initially affiliated with the America First Committee, but as conditions changed through 1940, he became increasingly disillusioned with the group and became an advocate of preparedness. He had retained his army reserve commission and by the spring of 1941 requested General George C. Marshall to again place him on active duty. Visiting the White House, he patched up the "family feud" with FDR. In April he returned to his old division as Colonel Roosevelt. On December 17, 1941 he was promoted to Brigadier General. At that time military historian Mark Boatner described him as being "in advanced years [54], poor eyesight, fibrillating heart, and arthritis so bad he had to use a cane [but] otherwise a fit fighting man."

A month later Roosevelt made a daring proposal that he parachute by himself "into the Philippines to bolster civilian morale as the former governor general." While Marshall thought the plan might have merit, General MacArthur vetoed it. As second in command to Major General Terry Allen, he went to England and then to North Africa. While the First Division fought well, complaints surfaced about the lack of discipline. In the summer of 1943, after underestimating enemy strength in the assault on the town of Troina, Allen's independence led to both his and Roosevelt's dismissal. Roosevelt was assigned elsewhere. Meanwhile his jeep driver had the words "Rough Rider" painted beneath the windshield of the general's vehicle.

In late February 1944, Ted was made Assistant Division Commander



General Roosevelt, Jr., in Italy

of the Fourth Infantry Division. Plans were being made for the invasion of Normandy, which took place on June 6, 1944. When the invasion came, General Roosevelt at Utah Beach was the only person of rank that high to be in the first wave to land. Once the city of Cherbourg was secured, General Eisenhower made Ted military governor of the city. Six weeks after D-day, on July 11, the general visited briefly with his son Quentin, who had been in the attack at Omaha Beach, and told the boy that he had been experiencing heart problems. When the son got back to his unit at 2:00 A.M., he was told that his dad had died of a heart attack just after midnight. Ironically, Eisenhower had just recommended his promotion to Major General. Days later he was awarded the Medal of Honor "for gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his

life and beyond the call of duty.” President Roosevelt presented the medal to Ted’s widow in a White House ceremony on September 22, 1944.

Brother Roosevelt’s bravery at Utah Beach would assure him a place in the history of World War II combat. Years later when Brother Omar Bradley was asked to name the bravest act of warfare he had ever known, he said it in four words “Ted Roosevelt, Utah Beach.” General George Patton, no shrinking violet, noted in his diary that Ted Roosevelt was the bravest soldier he ever knew. Journalist A. J. Leibling in the *New Yorker* termed him a peerless warrior. The representation of him by Henry Fonda in the film, *The Longest Day*, is said to be quite accurate as Hollywood

history goes. While his achievements may not have been quite as significant as his namesake, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., certainly measured with the best as a man and as a Mason.

Note: The ranking biography of Ted Roosevelt is H. Paul Jeffers’ *Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.: The Life of a War Hero* (Presidio Press, 2002). Also useful is the book by Mark M. Boatner III, *Biographical Dictionary of World War II* (Presidio Press, 1996). For his Masonic record I am indebted to Thomas M. Savini of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of New York.

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### **Ladies of New York Batavia Commandery No. 34 Hold Benefit Food Pantry Project**

The ladies of Templary of Batavia Commandery No. 34, state of New York, held a benefit food pantry shower for Attica, New York Food Pantry as a part of the Annual Commandery Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 10, 2005, at the Attica Masonic Temple.

Pictured, left to right, front row: Mrs. Steven (Sally) Wing, Mrs. Carl (Sandy) Fisher; middle row: Mrs. Ruel (Patti) Lovett, Mrs. Kenneth (Esther) Kohlhagen, Mrs. Dennis (Cathie) Turton, Mrs. Norman (Anne) Steinbaugh, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Forbes, Mrs. Harry (Kathy) Tyson; back row: Mrs. Paul (Debbie) Czubaj, Mrs. Norman (Linda) Austin, Mrs. Harold (Phyllis) Aldridge, Mrs. Michael (Pam) Driver, Mrs. Charles (Janet) Lee, Mrs. Richard (Bette) Rung, and Mrs. Don (Helen) Markham. (submitted by Janet Lee, Publicity; photo courtesy of Helen Markham.



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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies  
for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week  
ending January 13, 2006. The total amount  
contributed to date is \$330,815.85.

Alabama .....	\$3,750.00
Alaska .....	100.00
Arizona .....	2,822.00
Arkansas .....	4,169.61
California .....	29,658.62
Colorado .....	11,853.60
Connecticut .....	1,408.00
Delaware .....	1,497.00
District of Columbia .....	1,144.00
Florida .....	8,456.00
Georgia .....	15,326.00
Idaho .....	3,746.00
Illinois .....	12,096.14
Indiana .....	14,494.68
Iowa .....	3,153.00
Kansas .....	3,098.00
Kentucky .....	5,297.50
Louisiana .....	3,571.00
Maine .....	2,107.39
Maryland .....	5,124.95
Mass./R.I. ....	4,530.00
Michigan .....	4,150.00

Minnesota .....	2,362.00
Mississippi .....	3,736.33
Missouri .....	4,847.00
Montana .....	1,270.95
Nebraska .....	903.00
Nevada .....	1,094.00
New Hampshire .....	1,108.25
New Jersey .....	3,067.80
New Mexico .....	3,709.66
New York .....	4,760.00
North Carolina .....	5,942.19
North Dakota .....	558.00
Ohio .....	13,179.05
Oklahoma .....	3,207.66
Oregon .....	1,149.00
Pennsylvania .....	20,414.31
South Carolina .....	5,979.15
South Dakota .....	994.00
Tennessee .....	12,403.47
Texas .....	29,118.20
Utah .....	2,595.00
Vermont .....	1,248.00
Virginia .....	15,366.00
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West Virginia .....	2,150.00
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