

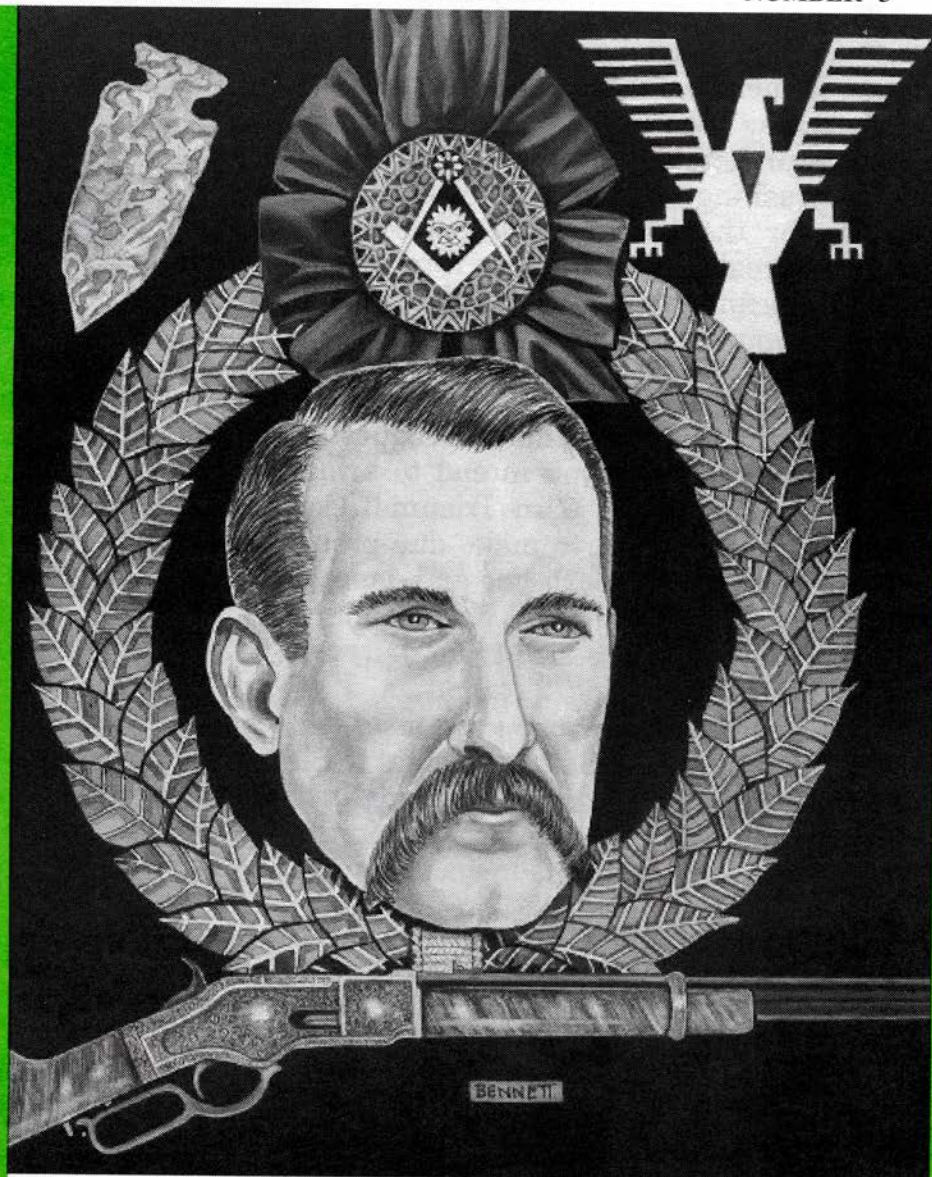


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Brother Albert J. Fountain: His story starts on page 21.

Grand Master's Message for March 2006

Well, here we are back to March. Spring is just around the corner, and the 2006 Easter Sunrise Service and celebration is imminent—April 16 in Washington, D.C. I hope that you are planning to bring your delegations to participate in that inspiring event. Details were published in the January issue. Remember, there is no “package” as there has been in the past. You must make your hotel reservations with the Hotel Washington and purchase your tickets for the luncheon on Saturday and the breakfast on Sunday from the Grand Encampment office. Arlene and I do look forward to greeting you in our nation's capital.



As in the past, I am reminded of the Drill Teams at this time of the year, and this brings me to a request: I need for you to notify me as to whether you intend to bring a drill team of any “Class” or size to the 63rd Triennial Conclave in Houston. I need this information to make due preparations for the Drill facilities and for the barbecue and dance on Saturday evening. You need to give me your Commandery name, your Grand Commandery, and the size team or teams that you intend to enter. When I get this information, I will pass it on to Sir Knight Frank Boner, or you can send the form that is on the bottom of page 7 of this issue straight to Sir Knight Boner. Most of the information is also on the Knights Templar web page. A note, e-mail, letter, or any form of communication will suffice. My address, etc., is in this magazine and on the web page.

Thanks, Sir Knights. Have a great spring!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth B. Fischer".

Kenneth B. Fischer
Grand Master, GCT

Knight Templar

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

MARCH: Drill Team leaders: Take note of the Grand Master's Message on page 2 and the form for enrollment of your team for Competitive Drill at the Triennial in Houston on page 7. There is information for those wishing to place ads in the Triennial Program Book on page 6 and for those wishing to rent vendor/exhibitor space on page 7. On page 8 we repeat the information about relocation of the Grand Recorder's office **including corrections** for that office in Bellaire, Texas. 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. And after you see the picture on page 5 from the Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Memorial, you won't want to miss Easter in Alexandria! The 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign is in full swing, and it needs your support! We have a wonderful message from our Past Grand Master, James M. Ward, and reports on clubs and progress so far, and it all starts on page 9.

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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.

● **Correction on Annual Conclave of Michigan in the January 2006 issue:** Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Acting Grand Recorder, will be the Representative for the Michigan Annual Conclave, August 25-26, 2006 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

● **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.

Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America:

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Come to the Easter Sunrise Service April 16, 2006.

See the Wonders of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, including the Knights Templar Chapel



Above is the Crucifix window and the bronze statue of a Knight astride his charger, which has on its base the names of all the Grand Masters that served the Grand Encampment. See the Chapel when you visit the Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, site of the Easter Sunrise Service! (photo by Sir Knight Robert D. McMarlin)

ATTENTION, ALL SIR KNIGHTS: CHANGE ON TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS OF THE GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE

The Grand Recorder's office of the Grand Encampment has successfully moved to Bellaire, Texas; however, **the telephone and fax numbers published in the February issue are incorrect. The correct numbers are: telephone: (713) 349-8700; fax: (713) 349-8710.** All other information was correct in the February issue, including office e-mail and Editorial information, etc.

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PLACING ADS IN THE PROGRAM

Below is information for all **Individuals, Constituent Commanderies and Grand Commanderies** to enable them to place Ads, (congratulatory notes, etc) in the Program for the 63rd Triennial Program Book.

Back Cover	\$500.00
Inside Back Cover	350.00
Full Page in Program	145.00
½ Page in Program	85.00
¼ Page in Program	50.00
Credit Card Size Ad	25.00

The Sir Knight in charge of the program is Dwight Phillips.
All Ads to be placed in the Program should be sent to:

Dwight Phillips
10212 Windsor Lane
Houston, Texas 77031-2832

Phone: 281-933-6562

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All prices are for Ads that are "Scanner Ready."
They must have all art work completed and should be Digitized and "Printer Ready."

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Space Available For Vendors And Exhibitors

This information is for all Vendors and Exhibitors who intend to have a booth (s) at the Headquarters Hotel for the 63rd Triennial Conclave.

Single Booth Space	\$250.00
Double Booth Space	450.00
Triple Booth Space	650.00

The Sir Knight in charge of the Vendors is Dwight Phillips.
For Registration Forms for Booth Space Contact:

Dwight Phillips
10212 Windsor Lane
Houston, Texas 77031-2832

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMITTEE ON DRILL REGULATIONS

Please enroll the following Drill Team into the Competitive Drill to be held in Houston, Texas, on August 12, 2006, at the 63rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the USA;

Commandery _____ No. _____

City _____ State _____

Drill Team Class entered: "A" _____ "B" _____ "C" _____ "D" _____

A is 31, B is 21, C is 15, and D is 7 total marching Sir Knights.

Signed _____ Print name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

e-mail address _____

Return this form to: Franklin C. Boner, 10866 Butler Road, Newark, OH 43055-8852.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICE RELOCATION

INCLUDING TELEPHONE AND FAX CHANGES IN BELLAIRE

Effective February 1, 2006, the Grand Recorder's Office of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America was relocated to Harris County, Texas.

There have been changes to the information published in the February 2006 issue.

The actual location and mailing address are the same as in the February issue:

Grand Recorder's Office
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5909 West Loop South, Suite 495
Bellaire, TX 77401-2402

The phone and fax numbers of the Bellaire office are different than those published in the February 2006 issue. The corrected numbers are:

(713) 349-8700—telephone
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You can also reach Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker at the following as published in the February issue:

e-mail: letucker@sbcglobal.net

The information concerning editorial materials (articles, advertising, and supplements) is correct as published in the February 2006 issue. To repeat: All such correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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Deadlines for publication of state supplements remain as usual: Non-camera-ready supplements are due on or before the 10th of each month for the next month's issue. Camera-ready supplements are due on or before the 12th of each month. If you wish to e-mail your supplement, send it to: letucker@sbcglobal.net.



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The 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign— Golden Anniversary of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

**A Message from Sir Knight James M. Ward, GCT
Past President of the KTEF, Past Grand Master of the Grand
Encampment, and Trustee of the Board of the KTEF**

Our Knights Templar Eye Foundation is a dream of "healing the blind" that has come true!

General Walter Allen DeLamater, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, 1955-1958, who has been affectionately and rightfully named the founder of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, was stricken and paralyzed in 1941 as the result of a blood clot on his brain. It was the medical opinion of the attending doctors that his condition was almost surely fatal, but he survived and, I believe, being a man of great conviction asked himself "for what reason." From succeeding events, it is easy to presume that he was providentially lead to do something for the blind.



The Knights Templar Eye Foundation was established as it fundamentally is today after much debate at the 1955 Grand Encampment Triennial. Several staunch Templar Warriors and renowned Masons; such as William Catron Gordon, C. Byron Lear, Wilbur M. Brucker, Edmund F. Ball, G. Wilbur Bell, John B. Phelps, Francis J. Scully, and many more distinguished Templars; participated in the extensive discussions.

It is evident to me, from reading the history and proceedings of the triennium and from other references, that during the discussions and debates on this emotional project the Templars present had but one prime consideration. Those Templars present wholeheartedly wanted to provide assistance to correct eye impairments of those in need who could not afford the treatments. Sir Knights, it is the same today.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has grown because of the dedicated leadership of M.E.P.G.M. Walter A. DeLamater, M.E.P.G.M. G. Wilbur Bell, and many others. From its relatively humble beginnings it has become an organization which has and continues to provide for thousands of deserving men, women, and children. Sir Knights, there is no feeling that touches our hearts, souls, and spirits any more than to see a child or an adult with eye problems who has literally been brought from darkness into light because of our loving caring and financial help.



Our traditional, historical, and avowed duty as Templars, Christian Masons, is to answer the high calling to support the **Golden Anniversary Voluntary Campaign** and our beloved Eye Foundation with the same fervor and devotion evidenced by our founding leaders.

Go, Templars! Charge!
I'm done pumpin'! GOD bless.

Past Grand Master James M. Ward (1997–2000) 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

Mississippi, 1982. He is a member or honorary member of York Rite bodies in Mississippi and all around the country. He resides at 493 CR 99, Water Valley, MS 38965.

*Turn to page 13 of this issue to see how your dollar is used by the KTEF!
Forms for the 33° and OPC clubs are printed on page 13 of the February 2006 issue.*

NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO KTEF CLUBS

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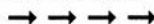
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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending February 10, 2006. The total amount contributed to date is \$443,576.07.

Alabama	\$5,475.00
Alaska	150.00
Arizona	3,082.00
Arkansas.....	4,294.61
California.....	35,953.54
Colorado.....	17,478.52
Connecticut.....	2,448.00
Delaware.....	2,147.00
District of Columbia	3,339.00
Florida	10,544.00
Georgia	32,642.00
Idaho.....	4,617.00
Illinois.....	16,608.14
Indiana	15,547.68

Iowa	4,128.00
Kansas	4,121.00
Kentucky	8,946.50
Louisiana.....	6,003.00
Maine.....	2,303.74
Maryland.....	5,439.95
Mass./R.I.....	19,450.00
Michigan.....	5,194.00
Minnesota.....	2,780.00
Mississippi.....	4,101.33
Missouri.....	5,127.65
Montana	1,390.95
Nebraska	1,403.00
Nevada.....	2,857.00
New Hampshire	2,502.25
New Jersey	3,347.80
New Mexico	4,184.66
New York	6,630.10
North Carolina.....	8,027.19
North Dakota	558.00
Ohio	17,249.80



Oklahoma	3,489.66	Washington.....	4,754.00
Oregon	1,434.00	West Virginia.....	3,149.88
Pennsylvania.....	24,770.96	Wisconsin.....	7,231.00
South Carolina.....	8,742.15	Wyoming.....	1,103.00
South Dakota.....	2,194.00	Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii.....	210.00
Tennessee.....	14,375.47	Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico.....	100.00
Texas.....	32,403.20	Tokyo No. 1, Japan.....	30.00
Utah.....	2,765.00	Heidelberg No. 2, Germany.....	100.00
Vermont.....	2,668.00	Miscellaneous.....	38,912.34
Virginia.....	25,071.00		

In Memoriam

Glenda L. Johnson of Springfield, Illinois, served the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., as Executive Secretary from 1970–1996.

Ms. Johnson, 70, died Tuesday, January 10, 2006. She was born July 19, 1935, in Springfield, Illinois, the daughter of Glen and Eva Scott Melton.

Survivors are: daughter Linda; three sons, Greg, Glen, and Harold; 6 grandchildren, and a brother, Bruce S. Melton.

This Is Why We Support The Knights Templar Eye Foundation...

I cannot adequately express my heartfelt gratitude to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for its kind and generous funding and housing arrangements for my eye surgery.

My vitrectomy proceeded without complication, and the macular hole has stayed closed as was the desired outcome. My vision is still residually distorted in that eye, and a cataract has developed which clouds my vision. The cataract will require surgical follow-up later this year. However, Dr. Song says that the progression of the macular hole was arrested, and I will not go blind. What a relief!

I am hopeful that my vision will improve even more when the cataract is removed. I remain forever grateful to the Knights Templar.

In addition, Dr. Song is the warmest, most attentive medical professional I have ever encountered. She made me feel at every visit that I was doing her an honor by coming for my check-up! I had been concerned that because there was a price negotiated, I might receive less than optimum treatment. Well, that certainly was not the case at all! Everyone involved has been an answer to my prayers.

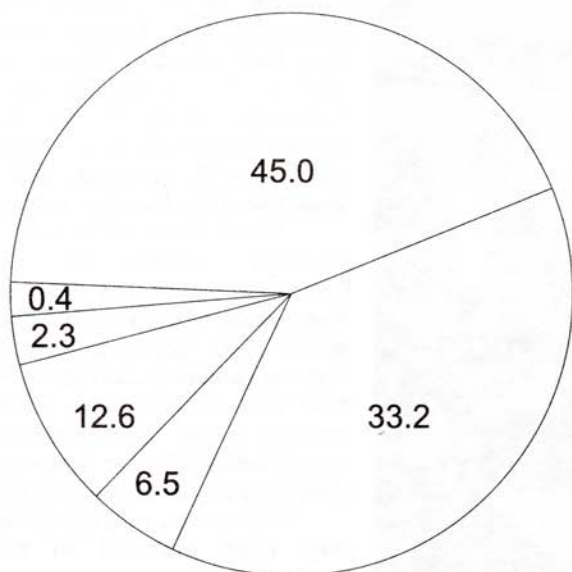
My gratitude goes out to any and all who were involved.

Case 76924
Ignacio, Colorado

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC.

HOW YOUR DOLLAR WAS SPENT 2004/2005

"A Masonic Charity"



1. Hospital Costs (Including Anesthesia)	45.0¢
2. Doctor Fees (Including Glasses)	33.2¢
3. Administration (Salaries, Rent, etc.)	6.5¢
4. Research Grants and Seniors EyeCare Program	12.6¢
5. Public Relations (Printing, Postage, etc.)	2.3¢
6. Patients' Miscellaneous	0.4¢
Total	\$1.00

For Further Information, Contact:
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Schaumburg, IL 60173

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On the Masonic Newsfront

GRAND ENCAMPMENT HONORS MINNESOTA S.O.O.B. MEMBERS



The Grand Encampment honored three members of Minneapolis Assembly No. 46, Social Order of the Beauceant, at the 140th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota. Mrs. Leonard (Leone) Mathison, Mrs. Earl (Joanne) Meyer, and Mrs. Allan (Shirley) Kauppi received the designation of "Companion of the Temple" from Sir Knights William H. Koon II, R.E. Grand Generalissimo; and James N. Karnegis, R.E. North Central Department Commander, at the grand banquet.

These three ladies truly exemplify outstanding service to Templary and Freemasonry, and they richly deserve the title "Companion of the Temple." They have all supported their husbands through very active Masonic careers including the Symbolic Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and many honorary bodies. It is through active participation of ladies like our honorees that much of what happens in Masonry is made possible.

They are particularly proud of the service they have provided to the Twin City Commanderies and to the Grand Commandery of Minnesota through the Social Order of the

Beauceant. They would encourage all the ladies of the Sir Knights to join the Beauceant and participate in this great organization. Contact your Grand Recorder for membership information. (Editor's note: some Commanderies have ladies' auxiliaries but not Beauceant Assemblies.)

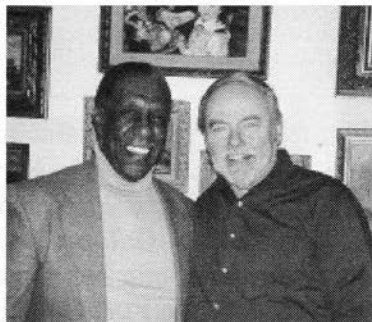
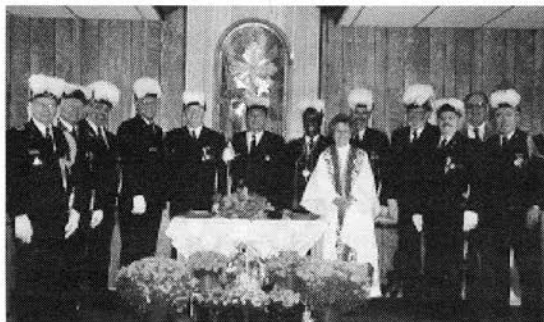
This article was written and submitted by Sir Knight Harland L. Thomesen, Grand Recorder and Supplement Editor of Minnesota.

NEW YORK COMMANDERIES GATHER FOR THANKSGIVING

Members of Patchogue and Nassau Commanderies gathered at the Half Hollow Hills Community Church in Dix Hills, New York, for a service of Thanksgiving. The pastor, Reverend Juanita Hilsenbeck, is the wife of Past Commander Walter Hilsenbeck (far right in picture) of Nassau Commandery. The Commandery sent Reverend Juanita to the Holy Land in 1995. The ladies of the church held a raffle to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. In the picture on page 13: The present Grand Commander of New York, Sir Knight George Harrison, is directly left of Reverend Hilsenbeck. On the left is Past Commander of New York State, Sir Knight Charles Mendell (2001), and on the right without hat is the Grand Recorder, Reverend Robert

Cave. Sir Knight Cave has been filling the pulpit for Reverend Juanita, while she travels with her husband Walter, who is Grand High Priest of the state of New York.

In the picture below, right, are M.E. Grand High Priest, Walt Hilsenbeck (at right) and New York's Grand Commander, Sir Knight George Harrison. They are shown at one of the Hilsenbecks' two Christmas gatherings for the Sir Knights of Nassau and Suffolk county.



YORK RITE HISTORY MADE IN SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

December 19, 2005, during the conferral of the Order of the Temple in Spartanburg Commandery No. 3, Most Illustrious Past Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee, James T. Conner, was extended the honor of Knighting his son, James Conner, Jr., and his grandson, Andrew Conner.



Above, front row, left to right: R.I. Gary T. Long, Robert Metger, Marcus Alley, Andrew Conner, James Conner, Jr., M.I. James T. Conner, and John Ruff. In back are Spartanburg No. 3 Sir Knights.

The Order of the Temple was exemplified by Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of South Carolina, Sir Knight Don S. Blair, who acted as Commander, and by R.I. Gary T. Long, Personal Representative of the M.I.G.M. of Tennessee. The latter acted as Prelate. Other Sir Knights of Spartanburg participating were: Martin W. Farwell, James Sutherland, Walter Johnson, M.I. Bobby Sprouse, Howard Tucker, Douglas Knauer, Phillip



“He fought a good fight!”...

Joel Gillette Candee

by James R. Case

Smitten by the gold fever, Dr. Joel G. Candee quit his practice of medicine in New York City and his duties as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and joined the thousands who rushed to California in 1848, seeking a bonanza. Reluctant to venture on a long sea voyage, he made his way by coach, railroad, and steamer to Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Joining a party headed for Santa Fe in a wagon train, he loaded up and started with them. Almost from the first day out, he found his professional services very much in demand. He doctored those afflicted with dysentery, diarrhoea, and fevers and bound up the wounds of victims of accidents and fights, until the contents of his satchel were exhausted. Thus attending “many pilgrims traveling from afar” and supporting them in physical adversity, he exhibited the “exalted usefulness” practiced by the earliest Templars and good Samaritans in the Crusades to the Holy Land.

At Santa Fe the wagon train broke up. Ridding himself of some impedimenta, Candee and a few companions took to mule back and pack animals and set out to cross the burning sands and the rough and rugged trail known to lie ahead. Seven months after leaving New York he crossed the Colorado River and two weeks later arrived at San Diego.

His search for gold did not pan out as he had anticipated, although, in the journal which he published, he said the biggest day’s yield was cashed in for \$51.50. He was busier as a physician than as a miner while he remained in the golden West, and it is possible that activity paid better than prospecting.

Candee had been made a Mason in Adelphi Lodge at New Haven while a student in the medical school at Yale. When he began his practice in the remote hill town of Harwinton, Connecticut, he affiliated with Aurora Lodge, was elected Master soon after, and continued in the chair for seven years. He sat as Grand Junior Deacon at one session of Grand Lodge.

He was often at Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons as a delegate from Darius Chapter in Litchfield. As the anti-Masonic storm began to have its effect and the Arches to tremble and weaken, he was appointed committeeman to inquire into the state of the several Chapters in his county. His prescription for their weakness was unavailing.

Aurora Lodge could not stand the pressure of the anti-Masons and went dark when Dr. Candee gave up his local practice and removed to Troy, New York, in 1834. The Lodge funds were distributed among the members, and Candee left town with about one third of the total. Developments were such that not until 14 years later did he answer a summons to Grand Lodge, make satisfactory restoration of the money, and be granted exoneration from any wrong doing.

The record which Sir Knight Candee established in Templary is commendable. Among the first aspirants to be Knighted in New Haven Commandery after it was organized in 1825, he was elected Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery when it was formed in 1827, although never an office holder in his Commandery. For the remaining years of his sojourn in Connecticut, Grand Commandery records are missing.

When Temple Commandery at Albany resumed work in 1839, Joel Candee was their proxy at Grand Commandery and paid \$7.50 to clear all indebtedness. He was one of the promoters of Apollo Commandery at Troy and became the first Commander under the charter.

In the Grand Commandery of New York, he sat as Grand Sword Bearer in 1841 and Grand Treasurer in 1843. Although elected Deputy Grand Commander, he was not advanced, but he did serve as Grand Recorder (1846-1848).

Candee attended the Grand Encampment at New York City in 1841, at New Haven in 1844 (where he was elected Grand Standard Bearer), and at Columbus, Ohio, in 1847. After his return from the California gold rush, at an undetermined date, his activity in Templary apparently was not resumed, certainly not in the Grand Commandery.

Having ministered to his fellow men through the practice of medicine for several decades, Joel Gillette Candee at last was overtaken by his own infirmities, and after a lingering illness, he died in a Home for Incurables at West New York in 1870. He had fought a good fight!

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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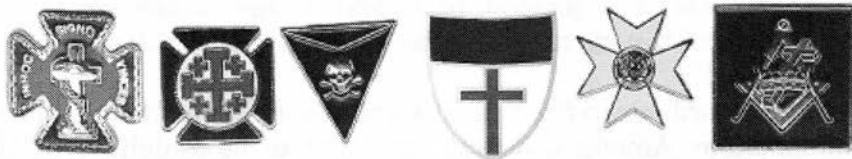
Graham, Eddie Mitchell, Allen Chandler, Vernon Burnett and Richard Lane.

In the picture at bottom of page 13, left to right, are Andrew Conner, M.I.P.M. and Sir Knight James T. Conner, R.I. Gary T. Long, and James Conner, Jr.

In the picture to right, left to right, are Andrew Conner, James T. Conner, and James Conner, Jr. (submitted by Don S. Blair)



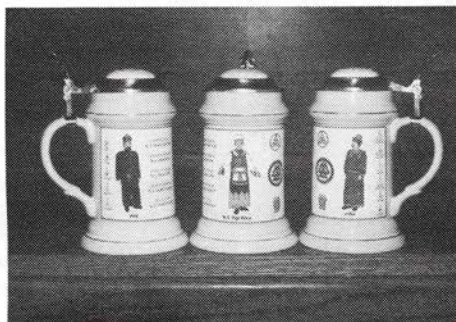
TENNESSEE COMMANDERY SELLS LAPEL PINS TO BENEFIT THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION



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.

PENNSYLVANIA'S 200-YEAR ANNIVERSARY STEIN TO BENEFIT THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION



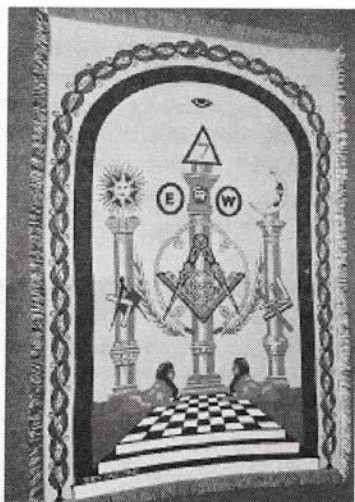
The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has celebrated its 200th anniversary, and to commemorate this event they have manufactured a beautiful Chapter stein. This stein is 7 inches high, has a white ceramic body that holds a 20-oz. liquid measure, and has a pewter lid with a special insert on the lid. It has eight different colors and is outlined in 22c gold. This is a limited edition of 3,000 pieces. The price for the stein is only \$33.00, which includes shipping and handling.

There is additional shipping cost for orders out of the USA. When ordering, please state that you saw this ad in *Knight Templar*, and \$10.00 will be donated to the KTEF for each stein purchased. Delivery is about 4 weeks from the time you place your order. Check or Money order to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.

SALE OF BLUE LODGE AFGHAN-THROW TO BENEFIT THE KTEF

This Blue Lodge throw is made of 100% cotton and has many advantages over the old triple-weave design because it has 360 picks per square inch, which enhances the color immensely. There are new items in the design, including the 3 steps to Freemasonry. It has a black and white checkered floor leading up to the center column, and the square and compass are larger and enhanced with a cluster of leaves symbolizing Acacia of Freemasonry. The afghan measures 48-in. by 60-in. and is lightweight but weaved very tight for definition.

There are only 1,000 of these made, and each one comes with a beautiful certificate so that you may write your important dates of Freemasonry on it. The price is \$48.00 each, including shipping in the US. A donation of \$5.00 for each one sold will go to the KTEF. Send check or money order to: Sandra Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087-0158.



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IN MEMORIAM



Harry H. Hashimoto
Wyoming
Grand Prelate—1995–2004
Grand Prelate Emeritus—
2004–2005

Born: October 28, 1915
Died: December 25, 2005

Harlan Norval Tully
Wyoming
Grand Commander—1982
Born: October 29
Died: January 3, 2006

Milton H. Arrington
Maryland
Grand Senior Warden—2005
Born: June 6, 1930
Died: January 13, 2006

Russell Edward Tazelaar
District of Columbia
Grand Commander—1990
Born: February 20, 1920
Died: January 23, 2006

Douglas Lee Johnson
Wyoming
Grand Commander—1995
Department Commander
Northwestern—1997–2000
Born: June 18, 1952
Died: February 2, 2006

Douglas Lee Johnson
Grand Commander of Wyoming—1995
Department Commander
Northwestern Department—1997-2000
June 18, 1952-February 2, 2006



Sir Knight Douglas L. Johnson was born in Riverton, Wyoming, on June 18, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. Burke Johnson of Crowheart, Wyoming. He was raised on a cattle ranch in Crowheart and Dubois area and graduated from Dubois High School. Doug was active in high school rodeo, competing in saddle bronc riding and dally team roping. Later he raised Red Angus cattle.

He and former Nancy Gale Armstrong were married at Fort Hood, Texas, just before Doug was to get out of the service. He was a Vietnam War era veteran and served with the First Cavalry Division and the 1st Aviation Battalion of the U.S. Army. Doug was discharged honorably as a Sergeant E-5 on September 26, 1974.

Doug and Nancy had a son Joshua, who is a graduate of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, and two daughters, Morgan and Ali.

Sir Knight Johnson attended Central Texas College for a short time while in the service and then later Casper College in Wyoming. He was employed by the High Plains Power Electric Assn., Inc., as a

power line construction foreman and resided in the Dubois area with his family. Doug and his family were members of the Wilderness Baptist Church in Dubois.

Sir Knight Johnson was Raised a Master Mason in Dubois Lodge No. 53 on November 21, 1978, and served his Lodge as Worshipful Master. He also held a dual membership in Riverton Lodge No. 26. He was Exalted in Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons, and served that Chapter as Excellent High Priest. Sir Knight Johnson was Greeted in Lander Council No. 4 of Royal and Select Masters and served that Council as Illustrious Master. He was created a Valiant and Magnanimous Knight of the Temple in Hugh de Payen Commandery No. 7, presided over the Commandery as Eminent Commander, and served his Commandery as the Recorder. Sir Knight Johnson was a Past Commander of the famous Wyoming Knights Templar Black Horse Troop, having headquarters in Dubois.

Sir Knight Johnson was appointed to the Grand Commandery line in Douglas, Wyoming, as the Grand Warder by Sir Knight David S. Tanner and presided over the Grand Commandery of Wyoming in 1995-1996. He was a holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple of the Grand Encampment, had honorary memberships in several Grand Commanderies in the Northwestern Department of the Grand Encampment, and held dual membership with St. Bernard Commandery No. 41 in Denver, Colorado.

Appendant Masonic activities included membership in the Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Valley of Sheridan, Wyoming. Sir Knight Johnson was a member of Kalif Temple, Sheridan, Wyoming, AAONMS; Red Cross of Constantine, Immanuel Conclave, Past Sovereign; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Agnus Dei Tabernacle No. XLIV; Equality York Rite College No. 92, Past Governor and holder of the Order of the Purple Cross presented by the Sovereign York Rite College of North America, and served as the Grand Governor of Wyoming; and Past Prior, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Wyoming Priory No. 44.

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

Albert J. Fountain: Buckboard to Eternity—Part I

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

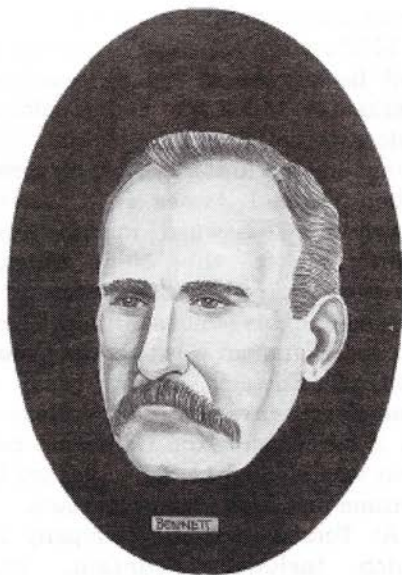
The events of the American Civil War increased the population of the New Mexico Territory dramatically. Those immigrants wrote a major chapter in the territorial history during a violent, formative period of that wild country. Some of them made a positive contribution. The legacy of others became a stain on the memory of the great Southwest. The jury is still out on the quality of the legacy left by a few of those newcomers.

One of those wartime arrivals was Albert Jennings Fountain. His memory is as vivid today as it was in 1862. Fountain's passing was even more mysterious than his back trail, possibly buried forever in the shifting landscape of New Mexico's White Sands in Dona Ana County. He is the focus of this narrative.

Our subject was born Albert Jennings on October 23, 1838, at Staten Island, New York; according to his petition to El Paso Lodge No. 10, dated October 31, 1867. The document survives in that Texas lodge's archives.

Albert's father was Solomon Jennings, a sea captain. His mother was a descendent of the Huguenot family, Fontaine. Beyond those few facts, Albert's early history is shrouded in conjecture and ambiguity. He adopted an Anglicized derivation of his mother's maiden name, changing it to "Fountain." A family scandal involving murder was alleged to be the motive for the revision. There is no official record of Albert's early education, and family stories differ. One claims that Solomon Jennings

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Albert J. Fountain, 1895

Artwork by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett

planned to prepare Albert for the Episcopalian ministry, so he ran away. Another states that Solomon's ship sank in the Orient, and Albert left home to search for his father.

When Albert appeared in California in 1854, it was rumored that he had been on a world tour with five other students from Columbia University. No written record of his travels survives.

Albert devoted the next seven years to prospecting for gold, driving a freight wagon, and working as a reporter for the *San Francisco Union* newspaper. He also served as a law clerk in the offices of N. Greene Curtis, a prominent Sacramento attorney. Albert was a hardworking young man; intelligent, handsome, and personable. He was also a talented orator. His civilian interests were set aside when the Civil War began. He enlisted in the First California Volunteers in August 1861 and was assigned to Company E at Camp

Down, near Oakland, California.

Military life appealed to Fountain, and he proved to be an excellent marksman and a fine Union soldier. Before completing boot training, he was promoted to the rank of corporal. When Colonel James H. Carleton began his eastward march from California to the New Mexico Territory in April 1862, Fountain was a member of his famous column. Their initial assignment was to assist Union General Edward Canby repel a Confederate invasion of New Mexico. As it turned out, the California column was obliged to fight Apaches in Arizona and New Mexico en route.

At Tucson, Arizona, Company E, which included Fountain, was detached and ordered to proceed eastward on the Butterfield Stage Road. They were ambushed by Indians at Apache Pass, midway between Tucson and the Rio Grande River. The legendary Cochise commanded the composite Apache force of 400. Severely outnumbered, Captain Roberts and his infantry company battled for six hours before driving off the Apache attackers. Sergeant Albert Fountain distinguished himself as a brave soldier and a fierce Indian fighter, as well as a fine leader of men.

Company E arrived at Fort Craig, New Mexico Territory, by the end of July 1862, completing a march of nearly 1,000 miles. By the time they arrived, the Confederate invaders had been defeated, and General Henry H. Sibley had retreated to El Paso, Texas, with the survivors. Company E was ordered to Fort Fillmore, a few miles from Mesilla, an important town in southeastern New Mexico. The company's mission was to guard the Butterfield Road and search for Confederate stragglers.

Mesilla was predominately Mexican. Albert Fountain soon met the daughter of one of the town's affluent families, lovely 16-year-old Mariana Perez. Almost immediately, friendship blossomed into a serious courtship. When Fountain was transferred to El Paso, Texas, in late August 1862, he cast protocol aside and proposed to Mariana. Her father agreed to a Christmas wedding.

When Fountain's company was ordered to make ready for an impending campaign against the Mescalero Apaches, he asked Mariana's father to advance the wedding date. Señor Perez agreed to October 27, 1862. Albert and Mariana were married at the Perez home in Mesilla. Company E launched the Indian campaign on November 16, 1862. After an extended, albeit futile, search through the Guadalupe Mountain country, Company E returned to barracks on January 1, 1863. In May 1863 Fountain was promoted to the rank of lieutenant and assigned to Company G of the First California Regiment. At that time, he was informed by Mariana that he would become a father by Christmas.

Fountain continued with Indian pursuit duties in the Jornada del Muerto, a 95-mile stretch between San Antonio, New Mexico, and the Rio Grande. After a four-month campaign, the road from Santa Fe to Mesilla was free of Indian attacks. Albert looked forward to civilian life, as he neared the end of his enlistment. He was discharged on August 31, 1864. Albert and Mariana established a home in Mesilla, where he hoped to begin a law practice and possibly a newspaper. However, his business plans were interrupted by a recall to active duty with General Carleton. Albert was

given the rank of captain and ordered to recruit a company of scouts. He gathered an experienced and well-trained, mixed force of 75 men with varied military backgrounds. The company stayed in the field until the summer of 1865, when Fountain received a painful wound during an Indian skirmish. He was remanded to the military hospital at Fort Bliss in El Paso.

During an extended recuperation, Fountain became very well acquainted with El Paso and its important role as a bustling, growing crossroads for California-bound immigration and commercial traffic between Mexico and Santa Fe. El Paso had been designated as a port of entry from Mexico. It impressed Fountain as an ideal place to make a future. Particularly it was so when he struck up an acquaintance with W. W. Mills, the town's most powerful citizen and the U.S. Customs Collector. President Lincoln had appointed Mills in 1862.

Mills was also involved in organizing the Republican Party in El Paso. He was an avid supporter of the Reconstruction Government, mandated for all former Confederate states. The Ironclad Oath denied all former Confederates who had borne arms the privilege of holding public office. The political field was wide open for "carpet baggers."

Fountain opened his first law office in El Paso in December 1865. W. W. Mills gave him a great deal of legal work in the perfection of titles for confiscated Confederate property. He was also named trustee of the Butterfield-Overland Mail property, which had been confiscated in El Paso. Fountain's legal fees soon were sufficient to provide an affluent life style for lovely Mariana and their two children, so he moved his little family to El Paso. He had no hint of

the political intrigue awaiting him in that turbulent city.

In a town dominated by a Mexican population, Fountain's fluent Spanish and oratorical skills were a great political asset. He announced for the Republican Party and became joined at the hip with W. W. Mills and his father-in-law, A. J. Hamilton. Reconstruction government was imposed on Texas in January 1866 by the Republican administration in Washington, D.C. Mills and his father-in-law were important supporters of the regime, and Fountain enjoyed their favor in El Paso, at first. He was appointed a Custom Inspector and chief assistant to Mills at a salary of \$1,800 per year. Enabled to continue his law practice, in addition to his new duties, Fountain grew to be a person of considerable stature in El Paso County by the end of 1866.

That year saw one Samuel Maverick of San Antonio apply to Fountain's office for a survey of the Guadalupe salt beds. It was public land east of El Paso. Maverick intended to file on an area containing rich salt deposits, at the base of Guadalupe Mountain. Salt was traditionally collected, without cost, by the Mexicans from El Paso. Maverick intended to charge a fee, after he became owner of the best portion of the salt beds. W. W. Mills urged Fountain to file for ownership on the salt beds himself and form a partnership—with him. They would get rich charging a fee for salt, Mills argued. Fountain declined. That would alienate many Mexican supporters, who, he believed, were entitled to the salt as citizens long permitted to gather it without cost.

Albert petitioned El Paso Lodge No. 10 on October 31, 1867, as previously stated, just after his thirtieth

birthday. That marked the beginning of an illustrious Masonic career which will be detailed in length in subsequent pages. Today, Brother Fountain's photo hangs on the wall of El Paso Lodge, with the legend that he served as Worshipful Master from 1870 to 1872.

Mills and A. J. Hamilton belonged to a faction of Reconstruction Government which advocated a soft and lenient administration of policy. As it turned out, Fountain was a "radical" Republican, favoring a strict interpretation of all Reconstruction laws. When Edmund J. Davis, a radical reconstructionist, was elected governor of Texas in 1869, Fountain became the Republican leader of El Paso. He ran for a senatorial seat in the Texas Legislature and was elected by a wide margin, with total support from the Mexican-American population.

Fountain had campaigned on a platform of keeping the Guadalupe salt beds in the public domain. W. W. Mills had filed on a section of the salt beds, but his title survey was defective. He would have to re-file. Mills had been removed as Custom Collector, to be replaced by a radical Republican carpetbagger from Michigan, Dr. D. C. Marsh. The election created many powerful enemies for Fountain, and W. W. Mills was one of them. He was dedicated to bringing down Fountain, if possible. Most of the Anglo citizens of El Paso now sided with Mills.

When Fountain was seated in the State Senate on January 1, 1870, he immediately began to promote public ownership of the Guadalupe salt beds. He also supported the creation of a frontier protection bill, which would authorize a Texas Ranger organization. In addition,

Fountain backed the formation of a state police organization to maintain law and order at the municipal level. The state police would become one of the most despised organizations in postwar Texas. The state police and Texas Ranger bills became law in August 1870. When Fountain returned to El Paso at the end of his first legislative session, he found himself without support among the Anglo population. The Mexican support would soon evaporate, too.

Reconstruction had officially ended in 1870, and W. W. Mills became a Democrat. Moreover, the salt controversy had not died down. One Luis Cardis, an influential local trader and freight operator, along with Father Antonio Borajo of the local Catholic parish, confronted Fountain with a demand that he withdraw support of public ownership of the salt beds. Cardis also insisted Fountain use his influence to replace the current Custom Collector, Dr. Marsh. Father Borajo and Cardis intended to gain control of the salt. A petition signed by Catholic parishioners, requesting the senator comply with Cardis' proposal, demonstrated Father Borajo's control over his flock. Fountain would never win another election, if he did not go along. Fountain refused, the second time he had rejected a similar proposal by the priest. Immediately, Fountain found himself without Catholic support in El Paso.

On December 7, 1870, local hostility toward Fountain reached a lethal climax. Entering Ben Dowell's saloon, he was confronted by Frank Williams, a drunken former supporter, waving a derringer. Intending to defend himself, the senator raised his walking stick. Williams fired, striking Fountain in his left arm and inflicting a deep scalp laceration, which bled profusely. Always a

fearless fighter, Fountain rushed to his home and armed himself with a Winchester. He staggered back to Ben Dowell's in search of his drunken attacker. A small posse, headed by the district judge, had formed to pursue Williams to his boarding house.

Williams rushed out of his room with a shotgun and killed Judge Gaylord Clarke with a single blast. Fifty yards away, Fountain fired his rifle, and Williams dropped to the sidewalk. State Police Captain A. H. French rushed up as Williams fell and calmly dispatched the shooter with a shot to the head. A bleeding Fountain was carried to his home for medical attention.

When the State Legislature reconvened on January 10, 1871, Fountain was not yet fully recovered from his wounds. He insisted on returning to Austin to sign the roll. He attended to essential duties from his sickbed for the next three weeks, until he was able to resume his chair in the senate on February 1. Problems instigated by W. W. Mills and his father-in-law, A. J. Hamilton, soon surfaced. The newly revitalized Democratic Party had swelled dramatically by former Confederates, now impowered to vote and hold office. Charge after charge was leveled against Fountain, alleging criminal malfeasance. Eventually, a total of 17 indictments were lodged against the senator, and his trial followed.

One by one, Fountain defended himself against the 17 allegations. He was eventually acquitted of all wrongdoing but not until midsummer 1873. Legal fees had drained Fountain's personal resources and left him deeply in debt. His senatorial term had been shortened to three years by 1873, and he was obliged to run again for office in the fall. Disillusioned by life in El Paso, Fountain decided not to be a

candidate. He and Mariana chose to move back to Mesilla with their growing family and begin life anew.

Mesilla was a thriving town of 2,000 souls in December 1873. It was the judicial center for all of southeastern New Mexico. Albert soon set up his law office there. By the summer of 1874, he had settled Mariana and their six children into a new home he built for them. In addition to his legal practice, Fountain quickly became involved in civic activity in Mesilla.

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In 1874 Brother Fountain organized the Mesilla Dramatic Association and created an opera house in a rented building. An enthusiastic actor, he assumed the lead in the association's dramatic productions. The dramatic club was soon popular throughout the territory,

drawing large crowds from as far away as Albuquerque. Fountain's oratory and dramatic skills became legendary in the territory.

The dream of owning his own newspaper became a reality in 1876. Albert raised enough capital to found the *Mesilla Valley Independent*. The first edition came off the press on June 23, 1877. Fountain served in the role of editor, feature writer, and publisher. He published a second issue in Spanish. Even though he had extensive civic and newspaper time commitments, Fountain continued to expand his very successful legal practice.

The fledgling newspaper became embroiled in a bitter controversy with the Jesuit Order of the Catholic Church before it was a year old. Fountain criticized the order for demanding tax exemption for all their property, while they demanded full teaching privileges in public schools. The Jesuit Order fought back vigorously against the criticism of the *Independent*. The newspaper lost the support of the Mexican citizenry in Dona Ana County. Fountain was also highly critical of many Texans who fled their state to escape the law. The *Independent* complained of the horde of gunslingers, rustlers, and thieves who crowded into Lincoln and Dona Ana counties. Many death threats were made against Fountain and his family, including several attempts to ambush him. When his two sons, Albert and Thomas, were attacked at the newspaper late at night, Fountain decided to discontinue the publication. It closed in March 1878.

On May 7, 1879, Victorio led his Warm Spring Apaches off the San Carlos Reservation on the Gila River in Arizona. A bloody campaign of Apache depredations into New Mexico soon had the ranchers and miners clamoring for

protection. When Victorio approached Mesilla, Fountain went into action. He organized the Mesilla Independent Cavalry (a.k.a. the Mesilla Scouts). The troop assembled for training on November 9, 1879. It consisted of 30 troopers, nearly all Mexican. They were intensively drilled and schooled in Indian fighting tactics by Lieutenant Albert Fountain, the troop's second in command. After a week of grueling training, Fountain became the commanding officer. The troop was ready when the occasion arose.

The U.S. Army called on the Mesilla Scouts in September 1880. Fountain's reputation as an Indian fighter was well-known to the army, and his troopers were perfect for scouting duty with Colonel George Buell's 15th Infantry. They planned to leave Fort Stanton, near Lincoln, and campaign as far south as the mountains of northern Chihuahua in old Mexico. The army was determined to kill or capture Victorio, once and for all. The Mexican Army reached Victorio and his band before them. They killed Victorio and 86 of his Apache warriors. Chief Nana and 50 Apaches escaped and continued raiding for several more months before they were all captured or killed. Altogether, Fountain and his Mesilla Scouts were in the field with the army nearly two years.

In 1881 the railroad came to Las Cruces, rather than Mesilla. It was a blow to Fountain and the citizens of Mesilla, for it signaled the beginning of the end for commercial development there, as well as diminishing the town's role as the center of southeastern New Mexico's legal activity. Las Cruces, with the railroad, would assume the role long enjoyed by Mesilla. It would require a shift in Albert Fountain's legal practice. He moved his family to Las Cruces in 1885.

The Mesilla Scouts had achieved near legendary status during their army scouting tour. In May 1882 Territorial Governor Lionel Shelton summoned the Scouts to active duty for the purpose of curtailing rustling and other lawlessness in New Mexico. It was beyond the capacity of local law enforcement to contain.

Fountain and the Mesilla Scouts were relentless and superbly efficient. Their most famous conquest was in the destruction of the famous rustler king, John Kinney, and his entire organization. Kinney was sent to prison, along with 25 of his gang. The success of the Mesilla Scouts prompted the formation of several similar units throughout the territory. Governor Sheldon created the First Cavalry Regiment, New Mexico Volunteers, with Fountain in command as a full colonel.

By 1885 Colonel Fountain was not only renowned throughout the territory as a fine Indian fighter and soldier but as one of the best trial attorneys in the New Mexico Territory. His financial position reflected his success. His legal duties required that he ride throughout Dona Ana and Lincoln counties to plead numerous trial cases. Most of his cases involved rustling or murder. His legal defense work became legendary, but it was complicated by constant civic activities and calls to military duty.

When Geronimo broke out of the San Carlos Reservation in May 1885, the army was in hot pursuit. Geronimo and his band of 45 Apaches eluded the U.S. military forces and by late in May were raiding in the Silver City area of New Mexico. Governor Sheldon ordered Fountain's cavalry regiment into the field on May 29. As usual, the colonel's response was a swift and effective

offense. His relentless pursuit drove the surviving Apaches into old Mexico in two weeks. The First Cavalry reverted to inactive status on June 14, 1885, and Colonel Fountain was able to return to his legal duties.

Fountain served in the dual role as special prosecutor for the Federal Government and as defense counsel for many Mexican-Americans in land title disputes. He was a strong defender of Mexican-American rights, partially because of his support of Mariana's Latin roots; but primarily due to his dedication to defending the rights of the underdog. His fluent Spanish was an invaluable asset in legal work.

Perhaps Fountain's most renowned service to the government in a legal capacity was in his prosecution of the San Marcial Land Company. Fifty indictments were handed down against the 13-member San Marcial Ring in 1886 and 1887, charging illegal land-grabbing activities. The three finest lawyers in all of New Mexico were opponents. Colonel Fountain's prosecution was defended by wealthy Thomas Catron and W. T. Thornton, the future governor. The leader of the San Marcial Ring, Terrance Mullin, was convicted and given three years at hard labor, and the ring was destroyed. Few could prevail against Albert Fountain's gifted oratory and meticulous case preparation.

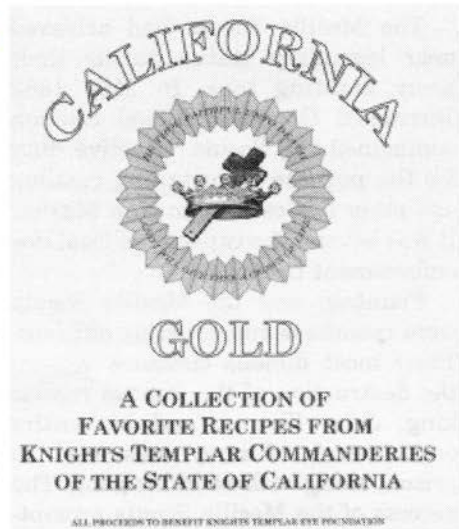
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Albert J. Fountain: Buckboard to
Eternity in the April issue!

Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33°, FPS, and P.D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, is a member of Holy Grail Commandery No. 70, Lakewood, Ohio. He resides at: 1001 South Diamond, Nampa, ID 83686.

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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.



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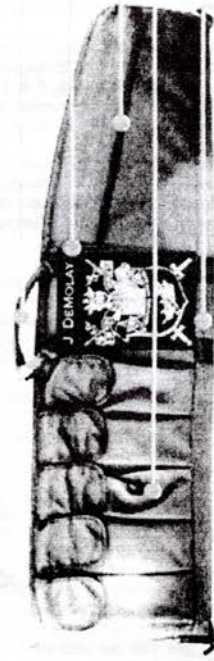
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■ The Grand Commandery of Illinois is planning its 150th anniversary to be held in 2007. Part of the program is the issuance of a commemorative pin, available at \$5.00. Send to William H. Brown, V.E.D.G.C., 4100 North LeClaire, Chicago, IL 60641.

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■ 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 for yourself and leave me any feedback that would make the site better and more beneficial for Templary. Find my site at <http://tiptopwebsite.com/knightsofgod>.

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■ Thanks to all the Brothers who have contacted me regarding selling their Masonic items on ebay. I've just accepted a large (and I mean large) collection of Masonic and Shrine items and don't expect to be able to take more items until late spring. I'm always looking for law enforcement items for my own collection. Happy new year to all. **Lawrence Baird, P.M.; P.O. Box 1459; Moreno Valley; CA 92557**.

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