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**On April 14, 2006, Grand Master Kenneth Bernard Fischer (left) and Grand Treasurer William Jackson Jones (right), M.E.P.G.M., presented Sir Knight and Senator Bob Dole with a plaque commemorating his contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. See page 5 for more detail on this occasion.**

## Thank You for The Wonderful Opportunity!

By the time you read this, the 63rd Triennial Conclave will likely be well underway. I will be retired on August 16.

To say that this has been a very interesting experience is truly an understatement. At this time there are so many emotions running rampant in mind that it is hard to express all of the feelings.

The most prevalent feeling is that of gratitude. I appreciate the opportunity I've had to serve you and to meet as many of you as we have during the past fifteen years. That is the nicest part about serving in the Grand Encampment line.



You make Templary what it is in this country and are the heart of Freemasonry, in my opinion. I will miss seeing you and hope that we will have other opportunities to visit in the future.

There are so many pleasant memories of this period of my life that will be with me for many years to come. Templary has been a large part of my life for the past 35 years and will continue to be for as long as I am able to participate.

As many of my predecessors have said, I had hoped to accomplish a number of things which have had to take second place to more important matters. Hopefully, those things will be addressed in the next triennium.

My prayer is that you will enjoy good health and continue to work for Templary, sharing it with all Christian Masons who are interested. There is yet much to be done "In His Service."

God Bless You All!

Kenneth B. Fischer  
Grand Master, GCT

# Knight Templar

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

AUGUST: Excitement is in the air as the Grand Encampment 63rd Triennial is happening about the time you receive this magazine or soon after. And the August issue is filled with interesting information: Grand Master Fischer's Farewell on page 2; detail of our cover picture featuring Grand Master Fischer, Past Grand Master Jones, and Sir Knight and Senator Bob Dole on page 5; more on the Holy Land Pilgrimage 2006 starting on page 6; more on the 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the KTEF starting on page 9; a wonderful article on the origins and history of the KTEF by Past Grand Master Willard Avery starting on page 12; a biography of Brother and General Henry "Hap" Arnold on page 23, and much, much more!

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# Editor's Journal



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● **Attention: all Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 2006; or Grand Recorders:** In the upcoming November issue, *Knights Templar* magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 15, 2006. If your installation will be in late September through October, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots, and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. **Photos are requested by September 15, 2006. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine.**

● **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 **Knights 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.

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**On the August 2006 cover:** On April 14, 2006, at the time of the Grand Encampment's Easter celebration, Sir Knights Kenneth Bernard Fischer, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; William Jackson Jones, Most Eminent Past Grand Master; and Daryl Selock, videographer from the office of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; met with Sir Knight and Senator Bob Dole. They talked about Templary and the Eye Foundation.

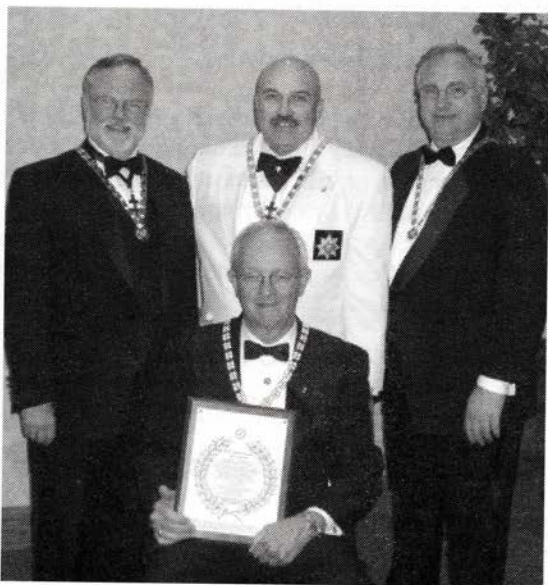
Senator Dole spoke for the video camera and said that he is proud to be a Knight Templar and is a supporter of the KTEF. He has been a Knight Templar for more than 40 years and has sent personal checks to the Eye Foundation for many years.

From his reading of the *Knight Templar* magazine and the new brochure that was sent out during the 37th Annual Voluntary Campaign, Sir Knight Bob was able to quote facts, including that the Knights Templar pay more than 4 million dollars each year for sight-saving eye surgery and that more than 2,000 people in the US received treatment in 2005. He also spoke of the generosity of the Sir Knights and their fund-raising activities, which help support the good work done by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

## **Grand Master Kenneth B. Fischer Inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame**

M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Kenneth Bernard Fischer (seated) holds a plaque designating him a member of the DeMolay Hall of Fame. Sir Knight Fischer is a holder of the DeMolay Legion of Honor and an Honorary member, DeMolay International. Standing are officers of the Grand Encampment, left to right: Sir Knights David D. Goodwin, R.E.G.C.G.,

Honorary Legion of Honor and Deputy member, DeMolay International; William H. Koon II, R.E.G.G., Legion of Honor and Active member, DeMolay International; and Lawrence E. Tucker, R.E.G.R., Legion of Honor and Deputy member, DeMolay International.



## **Holy Land Pilgrimage! Has Your Commandery Sent a Minister to Galilee?**

**Do It and You Will Be A Part of All the Excitement!  
Remember to have fund-raisers for this philanthropy and to  
get new applications for ministers completed and returned to  
your committee for 2007.**

**from Sir Knight Robert D. McMarlin, P.G.C. (Virginia)**

### **Grand Commandery of Colorado Sends 6 Ministers**

The members of the Grand Commandery of Colorado were able to send 6 ministers to the Holy Land in 2006. Following is a letter from Reverend James Harris, Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Denver, Colorado, who was one of the Pilgrim ministers:

Dear Reverend LaPuyade:

I want to thank you and the Knights Templar for providing me the opportunity to visit the Holy Land. This trip greatly enriched my ministry and helped to renew my calling into the ministry. Although it came during a busy time, it was a much needed chance for spiritual renewal.

Everything was perfect. It was well planned, and the travel arrangements went smoothly. I kept a journal, but I missed some things as we saw so much. I could have spent hours at some of the sites we visited. Again thank you!

In His Name,  
Jim

### **The Holy Land Revisits Western New York**

**by Reverend Stacy Otto  
Crittenden Presbyterian Church, Crittenden, New York**

My journey to the Holy Land began in 2005 when our church's Clerk of Session, Elder and Sir Knight Jeffrey M. Williamson, Deputy Zone Commander, Zone 12, led the charge with a simple (albeit incredible) inquiry: "Do you think you

might like to go to Israel?" On February 22 the resounding "yes" became a reality as El Al flight 7 touched down in Tel Aviv. The journey continues to this day as the marvel of this 10-day pilgrimage is shared through travel logs, Sunday messages, and the various conversations arising in the course of daily life. The Knights Templar blessed my faith, life, and ministry one-hundredfold, and that blessing bears fruit through the lives of those who are enabled to vicariously share in the great and divine venture that began so many centuries ago in a land, far, far away...a land that is now as near at hand as the Bible itself.

On the evening of April 24, it was my true privilege to carry the message to those who made this pilgrimage possible, the Knights and ladies of Zone 12 and Lake Erie Commandery No. 20. Following a festive meal, complete with a Mediterranean flair, the Commandery came alive with projected images that turned the black and white pages of the living Word of God into living color...a Word that also gives the breath of life through the mission of the Knights Templar themselves, whereby the ancient ideals of 12th century service carry on to this day. What a fantastic honor to be able to enlarge the gift they so generously gave to me by bringing a part of their own "roots" back for them. These "roots" continue to abide and flourish both here and abroad, for a tree grows on a hillside in Mod'iin, outside the grand city of Jerusalem, in honor of those who made this Pilgrimage of a lifetime possible. (submitted by Sir Knight Jeffrey M. Williamson, G.R., D.Z.C. Zone 12)



Reverend Stacy Otto presents a plaque that states that "A tree grows in Israel in honor and appreciation of the Knights Templar and Lake Erie Commandery No. 20." Left to right: Sir Knight Leland Jones, Zone Commander, Zone 12; Reverend Otto; and Sir Knight Keith Poppendeck, Commander, Lake Erie Commandery No. 20.

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF VIRGINIA**

invites you to attend the

**HOMECOMING CELEBRATION**

**for Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin**

**Friday evening**

**September 29, 2006**

Dinner: 6:00 P.M.

Lakeland Masonic Lodge, 2742 Grandin Road, SW  
Roanoke, VA 24015

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Directions to Lodge: I-81 N and S: to I-581-S (Rt. 220) to Franklin Road/Salem exit; take exit to Rt. 419 (Electric Road) and go about 2.2 miles to intersection of Brambleton Avenue and Electric Road (Goodwill store on right). Turn right onto Brambleton Avenue (N-221) to intersection of Brambleton and Garst Mill Road (becomes Grandin Road) until you cross the second small bridge. (This is approximately 1.5 miles from Brambleton Avenue.) The Lodge is on the hill to your right.

R.S.V.P. no later than August 15 to Eva K. Longworth, 502 Wentworth Avenue, N.E., Roanoke, VA 24012-3545.

Informal attire.

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I/we will attend the dinner celebration for Grand Master Richard B. Baldwin.

There will be \_\_\_\_\_ in my party.

Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME





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**Schaumburg, IL 60173-2460**  
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### **KTEF the Proud Recipient of Contribution from the Adam H. Hartswick Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation**

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., is privileged to be a recipient of a generous contribution from the Adam H. Hartswick Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation

In 2003 The Pittsburgh Foundation, the 15th largest community foundation in the nation, awarded more than \$24 million in grants to charitable organizations. Established in 1945, The Pittsburgh Foundation is comprised of more than 960 funds established by organizations and individual donors. These funds range from \$10,000 to more than \$32 million and have a combined market value of approximately \$537 million.

Kenneth B. Fischer, President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, urges all Templars and other concerned friends to remember the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in their charitable plans. Also, many funds, such as the Adam H. Hartswick Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation, are created for charitable purposes, and the Eye Foundation qualifies as a 501 (3) (c) charity. Please acknowledge this great Masonic charity in your daily activities with your friends and business associates.

### **38th VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN RESULTS ESTATES AND TRUSTS**

<b>ESTATE/TRUST</b>	<b>ESTATE</b>	<b>TRUST</b>	<b>STATE/COMMANDERY</b>
Mary Adde Beck	\$8,143.16		AZ Commandery unknown
Lois Simmons		\$6,302.75	AZ Commandery unknown
Patricia Squyres	\$137,500.00		AZ Commandery unknown
J. Karl Zimmerman	\$322.00		AZ Commandery unknown
<b>Arizona Total:</b>		<b>\$152,267.91</b>	
Theodore John Haddad		\$6,621.67	CA Golden West No. 43
<b>California Total:</b>		<b>\$6,621.67</b>	
Robert E. Newnam	\$3,000.00		CO Commandery unknown
Lorena Nordman	\$1,760.25		CO Commandery unknown

<b>ESTATE/TRUST</b>	<b>ESTATE</b>	<b>TRUST</b>	<b>STATE/COMMANDERY</b>
Donald E. A. Rogers		\$769.00	CO Coronal-Ascalon No. 31
<b>Colorado Total:</b>		<b>\$5,529.25</b>	
Marcia L. Berry	\$7,000.00		FL Commandery unknown
Ruth G. Cheesman Forster		\$25,000.00	FL Commandery unknown
Clyde L. Hartley	\$90,000.00		FL Commandery unknown
Russell A. Mitchell		\$1,423.59	FL Commandery unknown
<b>Florida Total:</b>		<b>\$123,423.59</b>	
Clarence & Ruth Hill	\$13,163.38		GA Constantine No. 26
Arrie Mae McGee	\$10,000.00		GA Atlanta No. 9
Mary Call Smith	\$15,004.77		GA DeKalb No. 38
<b>Georgia Total:</b>		<b>\$38,168.15</b>	
Harry & Mary Harshbarger			
	\$5,000.00		
Sidney and Dorothy Nash		\$1,000.00	IL Commandery unknown
<b>Illinois Total:</b>		<b>\$6,000.00</b>	IL Commandery unknown
Paul E. Barnett	\$116,133.50		IN Hammond No. 41
<b>Indiana Total:</b>		<b>\$116,133.50</b>	
Leo R. Geyer		\$4,536.06	IA Commandery unknown
<b>Iowa Total:</b>		<b>\$4,536.06</b>	
Helen Dennett		\$415.18	KS Commandery unknown
<b>Kansas Total:</b>		<b>\$415.18</b>	
Joseph E. Preston	\$25,000.00		KY Webb No. 1
<b>Kentucky Total:</b>		<b>\$25,000.00</b>	
Eugene B. Hamilton		\$687.84	ME Commandery unknown
Raymond W. Parker		\$17,000.00	ME Blaquefort No. 13
<b>Maine Total:</b>		<b>\$17,687.84</b>	
Minnie Roahen Painter	\$15,000.00	(Endowment)	MD Commandery unknown
<b>Maryland Total:</b>		<b>\$15,000.00</b>	
Mildred Brabetz Williams		\$287.37	MA/RI Commandery unknown
<b>Massachusetts/Rhode Island Total:</b>		<b>\$287.37</b>	
John W. Kinker		\$12,429.12	MI Commandery unknown
Katheryn L. Lyness		\$1,222.06	MI Commandery unknown
<b>Michigan Total:</b>		<b>\$13,651.18</b>	
Lawrence E. And Vera Dudeck		\$199,646.22	MO Tancred No. 25
<b>Missouri Total:</b>		<b>\$199,646.22</b>	
Ethel H. Lynch	\$667.15		NH Mt. Horeb No. 3
<b>New Hampshire</b>		<b>\$667.15</b>	
Gordon J. Brenner	\$71,000.00		NJ Hugh de Paynes No. 1
<b>New Jersey Total:</b>		<b>\$71,000.00</b>	
Marion Neun		\$25,000.00	NY Commandery unknown
<b>New York Total:</b>		<b>\$25,000.00</b>	
Merritt J. Crawford		\$8,066.79	NC Commandery unknown
<b>North Carolina Total:</b>		<b>\$8,066.79</b>	
Carl H. Devoe	\$24,067.77		OH Oriental No. 12
Carl and Leila Hertzner		\$135,663.21	OH Commandery unknown
<b>Ohio Total:</b>		<b>\$159,730.98</b>	
Arlene Bertrand		\$1,184.72	PA Commandery unknown
Henry Ginter		\$472.34	PA Commandery unknown
William C. Graham	\$205.04		PA Commandery unknown
G. William McCartney		\$5,000.00	PA Chartiers No. 78

<b>Pennsylvania Total:</b>	<b>\$6,862.10</b>	
Walter and Ada Henderson	\$24,091.72	TX Dallas No. 6
Hosler Family Trust	\$140,000.00	TX Commandery unknown
Howard Newton	\$6,608.51	TX San Antonio No. 7
<b>Texas Total:</b>	<b>\$170,700.23</b>	
Edward and Genevieve Siegel	\$47,900.69	WI Wisconsin No. 1
<b>Wisconsin Total:</b>	<b>\$47,900.69</b>	
	<b>ESTATES</b>	<b>TRUSTS</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$542,967.02</b>	<b>\$671,328.84</b>

## NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO KTEF CLUBS

### GRAND MASTER'S CLUB

No. 4,855—Robert L. Nelson (IL)	No. 4,860—in memory of Mrs. Florence Bilbrey by Imo Bilbrey (TX)
No. 4,856—William T. Lee, Jr. (VA)	No. 4,861—Joe C. Copeland (TN)
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### CONTRIBUTORS TO THE 33° CLUB

In honor of A. Steven Gatrell, 33°, by Morgantown Commandery No. 18 (WV)

## IN MEMORIAM



**M. John Schwalm, Jr.**  
Massachusetts/  
Rhode Island  
Grand Commander—1991  
Born: February 11, 1929  
Died: June 24, 2006

**Hiram H. Colburn, Jr.**  
Washington  
Grand Commander—1983  
Born: August 16, 1913  
Died: June 25, 2006

**William Norman Forrest**  
Connecticut  
Grand Commander—1998  
Born: September 22, 1928  
Died: June 27, 2006

**Joseph Clay Billingsley**  
Georgia  
Grand Commander—1976  
Born: November 5, 1921  
Died: June 28, 2006

**David Robert Poling, Jr.**  
Indiana  
Grand Commander—1976  
Born: March 8, 1918  
Died: March 22, 2006

**Thomas J. Pitman, Jr.**  
Louisiana  
Grand Commander—2002  
Born: November 27, 1922  
Died: June 10, 2006

**George Edward Berry, Sr.**  
Maine  
Grand Commander—1967  
Born: June 17, 1930  
Died: June 24, 2006

## The Knights Templar Eye Foundation—A Success!

by Sir Knight Willard M. Avery

M.E. Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (1976-1979)  
Trustee of and Attorney for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

I have witnessed the creation, development, and successful operation of one of our Masonic charities, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

It is general Templar knowledge that the idea of taking some type of action to benefit humanity came from Sir Knight Walter Allen DeLamater, at a time when he was considered terminally ill and he promised that if he recovered he would devote the remainder of his life to such work.

I attended the Triennial at Rhinebeck, New York, in 1955 as Grand Generalissimo from Indiana. It was there that legislation was adopted to create the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Originally, the idea was to build a hospital, but this was met with opposition because it was believed that we should not direct our efforts and funds to "bricks and mortar."

Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball, then Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, prepared a detailed report of the passing of the legislation creating the Foundation. It is probably still at the Grand Encampment office.

The establishment of the Foundation was uncertain to the end of the sessions and even then was somewhat questionable.

Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater

was the first Secretary, and he ran the Foundation. We were able to see this operation when Margaret and I visited Walter and Rosalind in their home and attended the Grand Commandery Conclave of New York with them.

The office of the Foundation was on the second floor of the building and up a long stairway. The files and records were of the old vintage in file cases. They were apparently well kept and accessible to Walter and his able secretary but may not have seemed so to the average observer.

The office was moved to Springfield, Illinois, in 1973 after Walter's death. The record keeping had been modernized, not always with Walter's approval, and had been moved to the Grand Encampment office in the Loop in Chicago, Illinois, when John Lawton Crofts, Sr., was Grand Master, 1967-1970.

It is generally accepted by us old-timers (not many left) that the Eye Foundation took off as a result of the work of Sir Knights Walter A. DeLamater and George Wilbur Bell. In fact, during their periods of service as Secretary, they were generally regarded and thought of as *the Eye Foundation*.

It was difficult to get Walter to stop speaking of the Foundation when he was present at our meetings. He had only one subject, and we had no doubt

that his one cause in life was the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. He worked at it all the time.

Wilbur and I were Grand Commanders of our respective jurisdictions, Illinois and Indiana, in 1957. On returning by air from a visit to one of the Southern York Rite meetings, we were seated together, and Wilbur related to me that his father had known of his interest in Masonry and Templary and had stated that he would care for their grain elevators and farms so that Wilbur could be free to devote his entire interest and time to Masonry and Templary. I doubt that Wilbur ever turned down an invitation and date (which were many) to speak at a Templar or Masonic function unless he was previously booked. The audience was always entertained by him and came away knowing that he was fully committed to the Eye Foundation and its work.

No other Grand Masters ever approached the status of representing and *being* the Eye Foundation in the way that Walter DeLamater and Wilbur Bell did.

When the Foundation was created, the financial support for it was legislation assessing each Sir Knight one dollar. It was generally recognized that the success of the Foundation depended upon other means of financing it.

The results have been varied and successful. The following are examples.

In the earlier days, the Texas Horse Show raised a substantial amount for the Foundation. Few of the Sir Knights actually saw the horses, but the Grand Recorder of

Texas took care of the financial objective by mailing tickets with return envelopes to Texas Sir Knights and others. (Sir Knight Wilbur Bell always attended the Horse Show.)

Other jurisdictions sponsored similar events.

Wills have been an important source of financial support. For instance, one of my clients (not a Mason) did not know what he should do with the proceeds from his two farms, grain, and live stock after his death, but he did know that he did not want it to go to his relatives who "did not pay any attention to him and his family." The Foundation received half a million dollars, which was a lot of money in the seventies.

Another client had no Masonic connections, and her main concern was providing for her dog Sugar. She had listened to broadcasts by Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, who was Grand Prelate for the Grand Encampment, 1970-1973. After Sugar's death the Eye Foundation received about half a million dollars.

Sir Knight David J. Miller, P.G.C. of Indiana, was General Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star in 1982-1985, and one of the projects was raising money for the Eye Foundation, which received more than three quarters of a million dollars and is still receiving contributions, some from the O.E.S. Grand Chapters.

The Eye Foundation has and is continuing to receive substantial amounts from estates.

The foregoing are just examples from my personal knowledge of

sources of financial support for the Foundation. Most of the techniques by which money is raised are set out in the excellent, professional pamphlet compiled by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, P.G.C. of Pennsylvania and one of the trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Sir Knights Walter A. DeLamater and G. Wilbur Bell are rightfully given much credit for the early success of the Eye Foundation, but its present success and status have to be attributed to the worthy cause that is being served and the many individual Sir Knights, able trustees, indi-

vidual contributors, and outstanding doctors, who have donated their expertise, time, and effort during the last 50 years to its service and success. The disbursing of almost \$6,000,000.00 for patient care, grants and awards in 2005 alone is proof of the success of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and remember that only 6.3 cents for each dollar spent goes for administrative costs.

Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery, M.E.P.G.M. of the Grand Encampment and trustee and attorney for the KTEF, resides at 305 N. Jefferson Street, Knightstown, IN 46148.

## Fort Myers Commandery No. 32, Florida, Excels in Fund-raising and Receives Wal-Mart Check for KTEF

Fort Myers Commandery No. 32, Fort Myers, Florida, held their annual spaghetti dinner in support of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and since the KTEF is registered with the Internal Revenue Department as a 501 (C) 3 organization, not for profit, charitable events held to raise funds are qualified to receive a matching funds grant from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. Fort Myers received a check for \$1,000 for the KTEF, and this, together with dinner proceeds and other donations, made it possible for the Commandery members to contribute over \$10.00 per member.



Shown, left to right, are Sir Knights: David Smith; Lewis Fish, KTEF Chairman; Richard Meacham, P.G.C. of Ohio; Jerry Timberlake, Current Commander of Fort Myers No. 32; Robert Gilliland; and Edwin Cotton. All are Past Commanders and members or honorary members of Fort Myers No. 32. (submitted by Sir Knight Guy Waltman, P.G.C. of Florida and current Recorder of Fort Myers Commandery No. 32)

## Milford Commandery No. 11, MA/RI, Honors One of Its Own!

A special night to honor one of its own members was held at the Conclave of Milford Commandery No. 11, Milford, Massachusetts, on April 18, 2006. Robert Philip Winterhalter; a Past Commander of Milford No. 11, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and presently serving as the Northeastern Department Commander (North) of the Grand Encampment; was brought to the head of the lines to receive a check for \$25,000 dollars made out to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation in his name.

Sir Knight Bob has been instrumental in the selling and distribution of the Knight Templar summer uniform throughout the jurisdiction and in the Northeastern Department for the last several years. He has been seen with his kit from Maine to Virginia and has put in many hours of untiring effort to raise money for the KTEF. For his efforts he has been rewarded with the honor of receiving not one but three Chivalces for contributions of over \$10,000 to the Eye Foundation. This recent honor will result in the awarding of The Sword of Chivalry at the Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment in Houston this month.

Besides being R.E.D.C., P.G.C., and P.C; Sir Knight Bob's career in Freemasonry is long and distinguished and includes: Chairman of Committees on Religious Activities and Civic and Patriotic Activities for the Grand Encampment, a Knight Commander of the Temple, and a member of Grand Master's Club for KTEF; Chairman of the Grand Commandery's Educational Foundation and Easter Sunrise Committees; Past Treasurer and Treasurer, Uniform Sales, for Milford Commandery; affiliated with many other Commanderies; II. Master, Massachusetts Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters; P.H.P. of Concord Chapter; Master and other offices, North Star Lodge, Ashland; Active Member, DeMolay Legion of Honor; member of Scottish Rite, Knight Masons, R.C.C., York Rite College, the Shrine, National Sojourners, and much, much more!



Shown, left to right, are Sir Knights: Robert P. Winterhalter; Tom E. Hollister, E. Commander of Milford Commandery No. 11; Michael S. Kaulback, MA/RI Chairman for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; and John Haraden Day, Jr., R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts/Rhode Island. (submitted by Sir Knight Michael S. Kaulback)

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*An unfamiliar but significant holiday...*

## The 17<sup>th</sup> of September

by H. Edward May, P.G.C., Florida  
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Ask any American over the age of six years to tell you of the significance of the 4th of July, and ten out of ten will instantly respond with "Independence Day." Ask the members of that same group to tell you the significance of the 17th of September, and perhaps one of the ten might correctly identify the day.

Is the day important as the birthday of General Von Steuben? Or because it is the anniversary of the bloodiest battle of the War between the States (the Battle of Antietam)? Or is it memorable because it is designated as "Citizenship Day"?

While all of these are sufficient reasons for celebration, I feel that the most valid reason to remember the day is because our Constitution was signed on September 17, 1787. The Constitution, together with its first ten amendments—known as "The Bill of Rights"—certainly is deserving of our deepest respect.

Somehow, the 17th of September has never had the impact upon the American people that the 4th of July has, yet the truth is that the overall scheme of our life today is more entwined with Constitution Day than Independence Day.

The mere signing of the Declaration of Independence by that courageous group of men who willingly placed their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor "on the line," did not make us free! From July 4, 1776, many patriots had to suffer, sacrifice, and die before General Cornwallis surrendered his forces at Yorktown in October 1781. Some world powers still refused to accept the United States as a sovereign nation. Their doubts were removed, however, by our victory over the British in the War of 1812.

Certainly the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are two of the most important documents ever written by man. Their influence upon the world has brought hope and new lives to millions of people. Never in the history of man has he come closer to meeting the wishes of the people.

The preamble of the Constitution states: "*WE THE PEOPLE of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquillity, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*" Surely those words expressed a dream and hope of determined people which has endured for more than 200 years and has served both as a beacon and example for oppressed peoples everywhere. The heritage that has evolved as a result must be viewed by each of us in this day to have been a part of the Supreme Architect's plan for His people. There *had* to be Divine Guidance and Inspiration molding the actions of those who met to draw up both documents. Surely He must have led the way through the tenuous and difficult paths that were followed as the documents were drafted, modified, and eventually agreed upon.



The thirteen states selected 74 delegates to attend the meeting of the Constitutional Convention which was held in the same building where the Declaration of Independence was drafted eleven years earlier. Of the 74 men, 55 participated in the deliberations, with 39 signing the final document. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania who was 81. The youngest was Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey who was 26. Twelve of the states were represented. The only state failing to attend was Rhode Island. There were several famous names among the missing. Thomas Jefferson was in France on a diplomatic mission. Patrick Henry was suspicious of the intent of the meeting and refused to be a delegate. Samuel Adams and Richard Henry Lee did not participate either. The meeting convened on May 25, 1787, with the intent of amending the existing Articles of Confederation. But the delegates soon decided that it would be easier to draft a completely new document. The 39 signers and the states that they represented are listed below:

*New Hampshire:* John Langdon, Nicholas Gilman\*

*Massachusetts:* Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King\*

*Connecticut:* William Samuel Johnson, Roger Sherman

*New York:* Alexander Hamilton

*New Jersey:* William Livingston, David Brearley\*, William Paterson\*, Jonathan Dayton\*

*Pennsylvania:* Benjamin Franklin\*, Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Thomas FitzSimons, Jared Ingersoll, James Wilson, Gouverneur Morris

*Delaware:* George Read, Gunning Bedford, Jr.\*, John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, Jacob Broom\*

*Maryland:* James McHenry\*, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Daniel Carroll\*

*Virginia:* George Washington\*, President of the Convention, John Blair\*, James Madison, Jr.

*North Carolina:* William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight, Hugh Williamson

*South Carolina:* John Rutledge, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Charles Pinckney, Pierce Butler

*Georgia:* William Few, Abraham Baldwin

[Those men marked with an asterisk (\*) are confirmed as Masons.]

Twenty-nine of these men were college graduates; the majority were lawyers. The other 26 were non-college men: farmers, trappers, and tradesmen. This representative group provided input which produced much-needed checks and balances in the document. Consequently down through the years, fewer revisions to the Constitution have been necessary. In 1787, a nation of 13 states with a population of 3 million people published a document. Today that same document serves 50 states, two territories, and 260 million people. (Editor's note: millions more today) It has been amended only 26 times since its adoption. The first ten amendments were adopted as a group in 1791. The eleventh amendment was adopted in 1798, and the last was adopted in 1971—not a bad track record in light of all the amazing advances of mankind since 1787!

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# On the Masonic Newsfront

## Appomattox Commandery No. 6, Petersburg, Virginia in Funeral Reenactment for Sir Knight James T. Morris II



Several Sir Knights of Appomattox Commandery No. 6, Petersburg, Virginia, participated in a funeral reenactment for Sir Knight James Tolleison Morris II (1830–1890), as part of the festivities celebrating the 150th anniversary of J. T. Morris Funeral Home.

Sir Knight J. T. Morris was born April 7, 1830, in Charles City County, Virginia. He came to Petersburg in 1848 to work in the furniture and

casket business, which eventually led to the establishment of his own business, J. T. Morris Funeral Home in 1856. He based his business on honesty, loyalty, and service to his fellow man, and as a result, he was respected in the community. The business is still owned and operated by the Morris family.

He was a member of Petersburg Lodge No. 15, A.F. & A.M., Petersburg Union Royal Arch Chapter No. 7, and Appomattox Commandery No. 6, as well as many other organizations in the Petersburg area.

On May 6, 2006, as part of the 150th anniversary, a reenactment of his funeral, including the Masonic funeral ritual, was conducted at the historic Blandford Church. A casket representing his body was conveyed to the church cemetery by a horse-drawn, antique hearse. The Masons of Petersburg Lodge No. 15 acted as pall bearers, dressed in 1890 period clothing. Eleven members of Appomattox No. 6 in full uniform acted as honor guard for the entire event. The Masonic graveside service was conducted by Petersburg Lodge No. 15. There were approximately 225 people in attendance. (article written and submitted by Sir Knight Joseph P. Westfall, P.D.D.G.C., KTCH)



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## Chattanooga York Rite Festival Nets 29 New Sir Knights!

Early in 2006, Chattanooga, Tennessee, York Rite Bodies held a York Rite Festival, and there are now 29 new members of Lookout Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar of Chattanooga. At right is the class of new Sir Knights with the following in the front row, left to right: Terry L. Plemons, P.G.C. of Tennessee; Gene Young, then G.C. of Tennessee; William R. Sylar, II, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Tennessee; and festival director Don V. Riley. Below are the members of the degree cast for the Order of Malta.



Sir Knight Terry L. Plemons, R.E.P.G.C. and Recorder of Lookout Commandery states: "This festival was a huge success due to the efforts of all of the officers and members of our Chattanooga York Rite Bodies. Plans started over a year ago to make this one of the best festivals we have ever had. In January 2005 we had a similar festival with 24 Brethren being taken into the York Rite, and as I write this plans are well underway for our Winter Festival of 2007."

## Northeast Tennessee York Rite College and Kingsport No. 33 Provide Memorial Day Honor Guard

Northeast Tennessee York Rite College No. 153 and Kingsport Commandery No. 33 provided a Knights Templar honor guard for the color guard at the Memorial Day, May 29, program at the Veterans' Memorial in Rogersville, Tennessee. Also, Howard Ensor (in Scottish regalia) of the College played the bagpipes for the program. The

public event had approximately 200 attend. The Knights received a warm welcome and many thanks from the crowd.



Pictured left, left to right, are the Knights Templar honor guard: Tommy Kenner, Primate (P.C. of No. 33), Chuck Thames, Past Governor (E.C. of No. 33), Glenn Beck (E.C. of No. 22, dual No. 33), Richard Burow, Grand Governor, Tennessee (Recorder of No. 33), Orville Armstrong, Past Governor (P.C. of No. 33)

At right are the same officers with Sir Knight Howard Ensor at far right in his Scottish garb. Left to right are: Richard Burow, Tommy Kenner, Glenn Beck, Chuck Thames, Orville Armstrong, and Howard Ensor, Chancellor (P.C. of No. 37)



## Celebration of the Day the War Stopped In St. Francisville, Louisiana, June 17, 2006

**THE ORIGINAL EVENT:** Up the steep hill they trudged, sweating in the sticky June heat, staggering under the weight of the coffin, the white flag of truce flying before them in the hot summer sun. The guns of their federal gunboat, the *USS Albatross*, anchored in the Mississippi off Bayou Sara, fell silent behind them as the ship's surgeon and two officers struggled toward St. Francisville atop the hill

The procession was not an impressive one, certainly not an unusual

event in the midst of a bloody war, and it would no doubt have escaped all notice but for one fact...this was the day the war stopped, if only for a few mournful moments.

It was June 12, 1863, and the Siege of Port Hudson was pitting 30,000 Union troops under Major General Nathaniel P. Banks against 6,800 weary Confederates under Major General Franklin Gardner, fighting over all-important control of traffic on the Mississippi River. Port Hudson and Vicksburg were the only rebel

strongholds left along the Mississippi, and if the Union forces could wrest from them control of the river traffic, they could cut off supplies from the west and completely surround the Confederacy. Admiral David Farragot had attempted to destroy Confederate cannons atop the bluffs from the river, but of his seven ships, four were turned back, one was completely destroyed, and only his flagship and the *USS Albatross* passed upriver safely, leaving ground troops to fight it out for nearly another month.

Lt. Commander John E. Hart, the federal commander of the *Albatross*, had just the week before posted a touching letter to his wife, left behind with their young son Elliott in Schenectady, New York. Praising his little boat for getting through the fearsome firing from the batteries atop the bluffs at Port Hudson, Commander Hart promised after the war to take his wife on a trip down the river to see the famous battlefields. As he wrote he could hear the cannons booming to the south, but his attentions were on more immediate matters...how many blackberries his crew had to eat lately and how when a "jolly good cow" is spotted he sends a sailor ashore with a pail, chuckling how some rebel farm folk will be surprised when "old Brindle comes home at night and ain't got no milk for them"...how hot it is and how long since he has seen ice and how he would love a glass of cool claret and water.

Even in the midst of war, there were mundane little touches scattered through the letter from Hart to his beloved wife...the mockingbirds singing around the boat, the little puppy he'd put ashore at Plaquemine to be raised, the shipboard litter of kittens. After perilously running through the Grand Gulf batteries on

the river to the north, Hart wrote that the Admiral signaled, "How many killed?" And he answered "none." The Admiral signaled, "How many wounded?" And he answered "none." And just then Kitty, ship's mouser, produced kittens which Hart insisted become part of the official report...important to note the wartime births as well as the all-too-frequent deaths.

A valiant naval officer, whose skill and bravery were renown, Commander Hart would have even more lasting impact though his death, which occurred as the *Albatross* lay at anchor near Bayou Sara, having shelled both that low-lying port settlement and the city of St. Francisville atop the bluffs. Masonic and U.S. Naval records list Hart as having "suicided," died by his own hand "in a fit of delirium." Perhaps he suffered from dementia induced by yellow fever, for a mere four days earlier he had certainly exhibited no depression or despair in his letter home. At any rate, Hart most certainly died.

Hart was a Mason, and aboard his ship were other officers also "members of the Craft, desirous of burying their commander ashore rather than consigning the remains to the river waters. A boat was sent from the *Albatross* under flag of truce to ascertain if there were any Masons in the town of St. Francisville. Now it just so happened that the two White brothers, members of an Indiana Masonic lodge living near the river were Masons, and they informed the little delegation that there was indeed a Masonic lodge in the town, in fact one of the oldest in the state, Feliciana Lodge No. 31, F. & A.M. Its Worshipful Master was absent, serving in the Confederate Army, and its

Senior Warden, W. W. Leake, was likewise engaged, but, according to Masonic correspondence, "Brother Leake's headquarters were in the saddle," he was reported to be in the vicinity, and he was soon found and persuaded to honor the request. As a soldier, Leake reportedly said, he considered it his duty to permit burial of a deceased member of the armed forces of any government, even one presently at war with his own, and as a Mason, he knew it to be his duty to accord Masonic burial to the remains of a Brother Mason without taking into account the nature of their relations in the outer world.

The surgeon and officers of the *USS Albatross*, struggling up from the river with Hart's body, were met by Captain W. W. Leake, the White

brothers, and a few other members of the local Masonic lodge. In the procession was also a squad of Marines at trail arms. They were met at Grace Episcopal Church by the Reverend Mr. Lewis, Rector, and with full Episcopal and Masonic services, Commander John E. Hart was laid to rest in the Masonic burial lot in the Grace Church's peaceful cemetery, respect being paid by Union and Confederate soldiers alike. And soon the war resumed, Lee's northern invasion turned back at Gettysburg July 3, Vicksburg falling July 4, and Port Hudson finally surrendering July 9, all in one catastrophic week.

But for one brief touching moment, the war had stopped at St. Francisville.

Among sponsors of the event: St. Francisville Overnight! (Bed and Breakfasts of the area), the Feliciana Lodge No. 31, F. & A.M., Grace Episcopal Church, and St. Francisville Main Street. Visitors found fascinating little shops and restaurants throughout downtown St. Francisville and a wonderful assortment of overnight accommodations scattered around this scenic parish.

Reenactment ceremonies for 2006 were held over three days commencing Friday June 16 with graveside histories and dancing to vintage music at Jackson Hall. On Saturday, June 17 in the morning at 8:00 a.m. there was a motorcycle-vehicle tour of the parish. At 10:30 there was a street parade consisting of bands, R.O.T.C. units and Masonic bodies. 11:00 to 12:30 they broke for lunch at the Masonic Hall followed by dancing by the Vintage Dancers at Jackson Hall.

The burial reenactment was held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17 and was followed with a Civil War encampment and related Civil War demonstrations at Oakley Plantation (State Park). That evening there was a picnic at the Park in honor of Katrina refugees. Sunday the 18th of June there was a talk on Sarah Knox Taylor Davis, first wife of Jefferson Davis and daughter of 12th U.S. President, Zachary Taylor, and graveside rendering at the Locus Grove Cemetery followed by Civil War Demonstrations at Rosedown Plantation.

For additional information: Contact John R. Rarick at (225) 635-3483 or Shirley Ditloff at (225) 635-4791; detailed information is available at the following web site: [daythewarstopped.com](http://daythewarstopped.com) If you missed it this year, plan to participate next year!

# Brother Henry Harley "Hap" Arnold: Creator of the Modern Air Force

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KCT, KYCH, 33°

Of the few American military figures to attain the five-star rank or higher, Henry Harley Arnold is probably the least known today, yet more than the others, Arnold seems to be the man most responsible for changing the nature of warfare. His belief in the growing significance of air power and implementation thereof proved not only prophetic but played a key role in the Allied victory of World War II. When the Air Force became a separate branch of the Defense Department, Arnold, although officially retired, became their ranking general. Despite his position, rank, and importance in the history of aviation, Brother Arnold remains less known today than either Brother Charles Lindbergh or one of his predecessors, the court-martialed air power advocate of the twenties, General Billy Mitchell.

Henry Harley Arnold was born in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, on June 25, 1886. The Arnold family had something of a citizen soldier tradition as ancestors had fought in both the American Revolution and the Civil War. Herbert Arnold, his humorless father, had been an army physician in the invasion of Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War and remained in the Pennsylvania National Guard while his mother, Ann Harley, came from a Pennsylvania Dutch background. Hap grew up in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, and manifested an early interest in a military career. In 1903 at seventeen, he secured a West Point appointment and entered the



*General of the Army, Henry H. Arnold*

US Military Academy in July 1903. As a cadet, he generally performed in the average range, graduating 66th in a class of 111 in 1907. Hoping for a cavalry assignment, he felt disappointment at being placed in the infantry. However, he accepted it and was sent to Fort McKinley in the Philippines.

Little did either the young lieutenant or his superiors know at the time that events were occurring that would change both his life and that of the military establishment forever. The year that Arnold entered West Point, two brothers who operated a bicycle shop in Dayton, Ohio, built and flew the first airplane for a distance of 120 feet. The year that he graduated from the Academy, the Army Signal

Corps began taking an interest in aeronautics. Shortly after he returned from the Philippines to take an assignment at Governor's Island, New York, Wilbur Wright and Glenn Curtiss made their historic flight demonstrations. Soon afterward the Army purchased three planes from Wright and two from Curtiss. Hap Arnold and Thomas Milling were accepted as volunteers to receive training as the first army pilots. The two went to Dayton, Ohio, where they not only learned how to fly the planes but learned virtually everything known about them at the time. In June Arnold went to College Park, Maryland, where he became a flight instructor.

Over the next several years, Hap Arnold would have numerous assignments in various locales including another tour of duty in the Philippines. In the fall of 1916, he received a promotion to captain, and in July 1920 to major. Ironically, as a man of action, when the U.S. entered World War I, Arnold, according to his biographer Dik A. Daso, "hoped to obtain a command of a flying squadron bound for Europe, but he was destined to remain in Washington as a non-combat staff officer." In those years the future Army Air Force commander started a family, marrying Eleanor Pool (usually known as "Bee" or "Beadle") on September 10, 1913. The marriage ultimately resulted in four children and endured for the life of the participants, although it did become strained at times, as was often the case with career service people.

Major Arnold spent the period from May 1919 to August 1924 in California, where he served with other officers who would also play key roles in the development of air power, including Brother James Doolittle, Ira

Eaker, and Carl Spaatz. He also had made the acquaintance of Billy Mitchell with whom he shared many ideas. But as Daso states, he also learned from Mitchell "how not to tackle political problems." While Mitchell virtually martyred himself, Arnold found himself exiled to Fort Riley, Kansas. He remained in the service and continued his advocacy of air power inside the system, a strategy that eventually triumphed.

In Kansas from March 1926 until June 1929, as the senior air instructor at Riley, Arnold also wrote a series of six juvenile books about an aviator named *Bill Bruce* (a name taken from his middle son). During those years he also became a Mason. Henry Harley Arnold was Raised in Union Lodge No. 7 in Junction City, Kansas, on November 3, 1927. A year and a half later, he completed the Scottish Rite degrees in Army Consistory in the Valley of Fort Leavenworth on April 11, 1929. Sixteen years later, when World War II had made his name a household word, General Arnold received the 33° on October 19, 1945. (General Doolittle received the 33° at the same time.) At the time of his A.A.S.R. work, he was attending the General Service School at Leavenworth. After completing this school, he was assigned to the Fairfield Air Depot near Dayton, Ohio. He took command of this important air research center on June 25, 1929.

Two years later in February, he received a promotion to lieutenant colonel. That fall he became commanding officer at March Field, near Los Angeles. He remained there until January 1936, when he became Assistant Chief of the Army Air Corps. Hap served under Brother Oscar Westover. Unfortunately, Major



General Westover died in a tragic air crash on September 21, 1938. Eight days later H. H. "Hap" Arnold found himself appointed by President Roosevelt as Commanding Officer of the Army Air Corps. Already holding the temporary rank of brigadier general, he also became a major general the same month.

Arnold assumed his position at a time when war clouds were gathering in both the Far East and Europe. The Japanese had launched their war against China in 1937, and the Munich Conference had dominated the news the week of his appointment. Ideas like those of Billy Mitchell were no longer considered crazy and within a few years would be counted as prophetic. The budget cuts of 1933 and 1934 had halted in 1935, and the budget began to slowly increase in 1936. From the time Arnold took command in September 1938, until his death in January 1950, the general would keep "technological change and its impact upon airpower at the forefront of his...efforts." With reorganization of the War Department in June 1941, he became chief of the Army Air Forces. By that time air defense preparation had reached major proportions particularly after the fall of France in June 1940, and several months of witnessing the German blitzkrieg had made the need painfully obvious to even a tightfisted Congress.

Once the war began for the USA in December 1941, time became a major factor. General Arnold had earlier called for a 50,000-plane air force that would take eighteen months to construct and two years to properly train the personnel, which had been considered an impossibility by many critics. But with the determination of an American public and the general's

direction, it became a virtual reality. Along with Secretary of War Stimson, Navy Secretary Brother Frank Knox, General and Brother George Marshall, presidential advisor Harry Hopkins, Admirals Harold Stark and Sir Knight Ernest King (of Holyrood Commandery No. 32 in Berea, Ohio); Hap became part of the "warfighting brain trust for the next five years." As the war progressed, Arnold attained a third star on December 15, 1941; a fourth on March 19, 1943; and a fifth on December 21, 1944.

As commander of the Army Air Forces, Hap Arnold's responsibilities seemed virtually insurmountable. Planning and implementing daylight bombing missions took the top priority, and providing air support for the ground forces came in a close second. Arnold discussed his other work as follows: "Air power is not made up of airplanes alone. Air power is a composite of airplanes, air crews, maintenance crews, air bases, air supply, and sufficient replacements in both planes and crews to maintain a constant fighting strength, regardless of what losses may be inflicted by the enemy." He also knew that there were times when public relations were important. Perhaps the best known of these was carrying out the dramatic air raid—led by Jimmy Doolittle—over Tokyo on April 18, 1942. While the successful raid "accomplished little in the way of physical damage" to the enemy "it boosted allied morale in unquantifiable ways." Brother Doolittle (a member of Hollenbeck Lodge No. 319 since August 16, 1918), who had once been disciplined by Arnold, received the Medal of Honor for his action and eventually became a three-star general.

A catalog of Arnold's activities during the war would be lengthy but

serve little purpose. He continued—as had Mitchell—to work toward an independent air force as a branch of the military. His grueling wartime schedule did take a toll on his health. He experienced his first serious heart problem in May 1943. Not long after receiving his fifth star on January 1945, he suffered a heart attack. This disabled him until mid-March. Nonetheless, he continued on duty until June 30, 1946, when he officially retired. Finally, on September 18, 1947, his goal of a separate air force became a reality, although the navy continued to have an air contingent.

Hap and Bee Arnold had purchased a small ranch near Sonoma, California, as a retirement residence. Health problems continued to plague his declining years, although he managed to make some trips back East, part of them to receive a variety of honors. He worked on his memoirs which saw publication as *Global Mission* by Harper & Brothers in

1949. His condition continued to decline, and he passed away on January 15, 1950. He received a full military funeral in Washington on January 19 and was buried in Arlington. However, more than a half century after his death, Brother H. H. Arnold's legacy seems assured. To him, more than to any other individual, belongs credit for making the USA the dominant air power.

Note: The most up-to-date work on General Arnold is Dik Alan Daso, *Hap Arnold and the Evolution of American Airpower* (Washington: Smithsonian Institution Press, 2000). For his Masonic background, see William R. Denslow, *10,000 Famous Freemasons*, Volume I, p. 31.

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## 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).

## Sale of Knight Templar Tote Bag to Benefit the KTEF



This beautiful Knight Templar tote bag is designed for the men and ladies of the Knights Templar; its sale will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The bag's size is 16 by 16 inches; it is made of upholstery material and 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

Commandery functions, but it was made heavy enough to carry books and other important items for both men and ladies. 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.



**KCT and GCT Award Recipients:** A 2 1/2 inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. The emblem is to be centered on the Cross that adorns the left side of the mantle or ceremonial robe or on the left side (on pocket) of a dress blazer. The same use is required for the GCT emblem which is bordered with a wreath. The cost of the KCT emblem is \$8.50 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling, and the cost of the GCT emblem is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Contact: Jon Patrick Sweet, 7474 Benton Street, Westminster, CO 80003-7001, or phone (303) 430-8483.

## Sale of English Masonic Stein to Benefit the KTEF

The English Masonic stein was produced for a Masonic Brother in Warlock, England. The Brother designed the stein the way it appears. It is 7 and 1/2 inches tall, 3 and 1/4 inches at the opening, 4 and 3/4 inches at the base, and it is made of white ceramic with a pewter lid; the lid has a ceramic insert with a picture of the Holy Bible. The front of the stein has a very colorful Masonic scene from the King Solomon era, and on the other side of the body is an altar with the three lights of Masonry and a bible verse; on the third part of the stein is a Masonic poem. The bottom of the stein had the English Brother's name and address.



There will be only 300 steins sold here in the US. The cost of the stein is \$52.00, and \$5.00 of each sale will go to the KTEF. The price includes shipping and insurance. You can pay by check or money order or non-canceled US postal stamps. Please make check or money order payable to Stanley C. Buz, and send to him at P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.

## How Will You Pay for Expenses That Medicare Doesn't Cover?

You owe it to yourself to find out about the Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance designed for Sir Knights and their ladies.

With the high cost of health care today, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance Program is becoming a necessity for more and more of us. That's why it is good to know that you now have a choice of Medicare Supplement coverages under our plan at very affordable rates.

Under the Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Plan, you will benefit in

many ways: You have the freedom of choosing your own doctors and hospitals, there are no health questions or medical exams to qualify, there is no waiting period for pre-existing conditions if you switch plans or are about to turn 65, and there is hassle-free claims processing in about 7 days!

To make sure you can pay for the expenses Medicare doesn't cover, call (800) 749-6983 for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Insurance Plan information and enrollment kit.

## How Long-Term Care Insurance Can Help Protect Your Financial Independence

Chances are that you or someone you love will need nursing home or in-home care someday. With costs on the rise, this kind of care can diminish a lifetime of savings.

Long-term care insurance helps protect your financial independence and your dignity by giving you the freedom of choice to receive care in your own

home, if medically appropriate, or at a facility you select. Plan today, so that you can be better prepared to spend tomorrow on your own terms.

For more information about the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar endorsed Long-Term Care Insurance Program, call toll free of charge: (800) 336-3316.

## SALE OF CALIFORNIA COOKBOOK TO BENEFIT THE KTEF

The Grand Commandery of California is selling cookbooks, shown right, to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Entitled "California Gold," the book is a compilation of recipes submitted by Sir Knights and ladies of the Commanderies of California. It is bound in a 3-ring loose-leaf format and contains 750 recipes. The books sell for \$20.00 each, and **the entire amount goes to the KTEF.** They are able to do this because the publication cost of the books was covered by private donations. Make out checks to: Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Send to: Dan McDaniel, Attn: Cookbooks, 1250 Peterson Court, Los Altos, CA 94024.



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

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

## SUMMER UNIFORM SALE AIDS KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Milford Commandery No. 11, Milford, Massachusetts, is offering a complete summer uniform and accessories (no pants or shoes) for \$150.00. (G.C. and P.G.C. add \$35.00 for gold decoration on cap visor.) The uniform includes white military style cap with insignia, short sleeve shirt, shoulder rank insignia, collar insignia, metal ribbon bar, name plate, plain black tie, tie clasp with cross and crown, and shipping and handling. Send us your cap size, shirt size, rank, Commandery name and number, choice of engraving on the tie clasp (plain/Knight Templar/your state/Commandery name and number) to the address below. For further information or to request an order form for your state (include a stamped, self-addressed envelope), send to Milford as indicated below or e-mail: [ccwinterhalter@aol.com](mailto:ccwinterhalter@aol.com). Make checks payable to: Milford Commandery No. 11. Mail to: Milford Commandery No. 11, C/O Robert P. Winterhalter, P.O. Box 321, Ashland, MA 01721-0321. **All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.**

## MILFORD COMMANDERY POLO SHIRTS BENEFIT KTEF

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



# Knight Voices

To place your "Knight Voices" item on the waiting list for publication, type or print it and send to Editor, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, Post Office Box 478448, Chicago, IL 60647-8448. Items submitted to Knight Templar that refer to Templar or Masonic subjects will continue to be printed free of charge. All other items should be accompanied by a \$5.00 remittance made payable to the Grand Encampment. Any submission may be subject to editing. You must submit a written request and check, if applicable, for each time you want your ad to run. Each request must be separate and at monthly intervals, not several at the same time. All other requests for repeat ads will either run just once or will be returned to sender.

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

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

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

■ For sale by Wheeling Commandery No. 1, Wheeling, West Virginia: KNIGHTS TEMPLAR license plates (aluminum) with Knights Templar logo, \$8.00 each, S & H included, USA. All profit to KTEF. Check or money order to and mail to C. H. Wyatt, Jr., 18 Edglaun Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003-6035.

■ For sale: C.P.O. coats, poly-wool, summer weight; call for available sizes: (740) 927-3586. \$23.00, includes shipping and handling. 10% of all sales will be donated to KTEF. General Merchandise Company; 13690 Broad Street, S.W.; Pataskala; OH 43062.

■ Texas Sesquicentennial Conclave Memorabilia: medal (Conclave logo on front, "San Antonio Cdry #7" surrounding cross/crown on reverse) is suspended from white/black "beauceant" ribbon suitable for wearing with uniform or coat (\$7.00). This unique medal, recognizing 150 years of Texas Templary, can be viewed at [www.albertpikedemolay.org/yorkrite/index.html](http://www.albertpikedemolay.org/yorkrite/index.html). Send your order (include \$1.00 for mailing costs) and your check, payable to 2005 Grand Conclave, to James N. Higdon, 10122 N. Manton, San Antonio, TX 78213. Item(s) will be sent day following receipt by return mail. H: (210) 344-4309, O: (210) 349-9933, e-mail: [jnh.kt@hhzlaw.com](mailto:jnh.kt@hhzlaw.com)

■ For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, pairs, finest quality available, all ranks, embroidered in extra fancy gold and silver bullion on velvet with velcro backs: Due to the high price of gold and silver, the manufacturer has raised his prices. Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo (specify either traditional or just lamb and square), Captain General, Prelate (green): all \$45; Emeritus ranks:

Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (red): \$50; Honorary Past Commander with silver H.C. at foot of cross; Grand Commandery, Grand Rep., \$55; Past Grand Commander (purple): \$65; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$75. Also: chapeaux crosses in extra fancy gold/silver bullion w/velcro back: Sir Knight, \$40; Past Commander, \$45; Grand Commandery and Grand Rep.; (red), \$60; Past Grand Commander (purple), \$65; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$80. Embroidered extra fancy gold/silver sleeve crosses (pair), velcro back: Sir Knight, \$40; P.C., \$40; Grand Commandery, \$45; P.G.C. (purple), \$65; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$80. Embroidered gold/silver fatigue hat bullion crosses: Sir Knight, \$40; Past Commander, \$45. Metal cap crosses: silver, \$32; gold, \$38; Past Commander's jewel, \$50. All plus shipping, handling, and insurance: 1st item, \$5.00; each additional item, \$1.00. Percentage to Knights Templar and Masonic charities. Checks to and mail to Jacques N. Jacobsen, Jr., P.C.; 3 Oceans West Blvd., Suite 4A4; Daytona Beach; FL 32118.

■ I invite each of you to a free website dedicated to Templary. It is also an excellent source to find other areas of Templary and Masonry. It has forms to request FREE Templar information, better degree work, sustaining membership, free NIV Bible, free CD ROM with Bible (along with free cross of olive wood from Jerusalem)—all sent to you at NO cost at all. Please review the site yourself and leave me feedback that would make the site better and more beneficial for Christianity and Templary. Find my web site at <http://1tiptopwebsite.com/knightsofgod>

■ For sale: Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter No. 481, R.A.M., Channelview, Texas, is selling their newly minted, 50-year commemorative mark/penny for \$10.00 each, postpaid. Penny is made of antique bronze (looks like gold). This is a fund-raiser for our 50th anniversary, and a portion of proceeds will go to KTEF. Checks or MOs to Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter No. 481, R.A.M., and send to Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter No. 481, R.A.M., P.O. Box 972, Channelview, TX 77530.

■ For Sale: Middle Georgia Chapter No. 165, R.A.M., the first R.A.M. Chapter to be chartered in Georgia in 25 years, is selling its newly minted shekels for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00, postpaid. Each is mounted in a 2x2 coin folder and comes with a sealed certificate of authenticity. Orders to A. Neal Mims, 708 Jeanette Street, Cochran, GA 31014; e-mail [anealmims@bellsouth.net](mailto:anealmims@bellsouth.net)

■ NEEDED: all furnishings required in a Cryptic Council to include the Ark, bowls, tongs, candle sticks, snufflers, robes, etc. Lake Council No. 121 in Waukegan, Illinois, has reclaimed its charter after

being dark for over 20 years and is ready, able, and willing to complete the temple. Any Council with excess materials or regalia acquired through mergers or closings and needing a new home, we will greatly appreciate your help. **Richard "Van" Vanderhoef, IDM, Lake Council No. 121, Waukegan Masonic Temple, 127 N. Genesee St., Waukegan, IL 60085; e-mail ram41ehp@juno.com; phone (847) 244-3885.**

■ The state of Tennessee has a challenge coin for sale for the price of \$12.00 which includes shipping. The proceeds go to Royal Arch Research Assistance. Check or money order can be sent to RARA of Tennessee. Send to **Robert Officer, State Chairman, 216 S. Oak Street, Sparta, TN 38583.**

■ Fund-raiser: Lodge auto tags with blue vinyl letters on white, 6 x12-inch aluminum, include lodge name and number, square and compass, F & AM (AF & AM, AAFM, etc.), city and state: **\$8.00 each—minimum order of 5. One free tag with each 10 ordered.** Shipping for 5 is \$5.00, 10 is \$7.00, 20 is \$10.00 to same address in US. **25% of proceeds to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund.** Send info, check or money order to **Ernest P. Gentry, 893 Brookside Drive, Winder, GA 30680-2848, e-mail tagmaker@att.net**

■ **2008—200th anniversary of Masonry in Ohio:** Now, you can help insure that this celebration will be a great success by purchasing a beautiful, 200-piece jigsaw puzzle depicting Brother George Washington opening his lodge in 1788. This 16 x22-inch art reproduction is an exact copy of the painting that hangs in many Ohio lodges. Help us get ready for the 2008 bicentennial, and own a real piece of Masonic history: price \$15.00 plus \$3.00 S & H. Each puzzle is packaged in a round, airtight can. To order call (614) 855-1401, or send payment and request to **P. Pat Davis, 8359 Morse Road, New Albany, OH 43054; online at [www.ppdavis1@earthlink.net](http://www.ppdavis1@earthlink.net)** Proceeds to benefit the 2008 Bicentennial Fund.

■ **Cochran Lodge No. 217, F. & A.M., Cochran, Georgia,** is continuing its long-term charity project: In addition to the Masonic and Shrine jewelry boxes, we are now offering O.E.S. jewelry boxes: all are approx. 5.5 x5.5 x2.5 inches in size, constructed of exotic woods from Central America, and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. All profits go to **Masonic charity with a portion going directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund.** The price for each box is \$20.00, plus \$6.00 S & H. Postage is pro-rated on bulk orders; please contact e-mail below or call (478) 934-7236 for pro-rated S & H rates. Check or MO to **Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217** and mail to **Harry A. Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F. & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran, GA 31014; or e-mail-harry217@bigfoot.com>**

■ For sale: peel-off, vinyl, royal blue square and compass decals designed to fit on your license plate or window, 2 inches high, 1 inch wide. 6 vinyl decals for \$5.00, postpaid. Also, approx. 4-inch reflective-chrome, vinyl square and compass, Past Master or Shrine decals to fit on your taillights, only \$5.00 per set of 2, postpaid. Also, black vinyl, square and compass decals, 3/4 by 3/4-inch, designed to place on the photo or list of your Past Masters who have gone on to that Celestial Lodge Above. 10 decals for only \$5.00, postpaid. All profits go to our **Masonic Widows' Fund, Joe Allen, P.M., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F. & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran, GA 31014.**

■ Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 35 years and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. **Especially needed Iowa,**

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

■ Masonic collectibles—large collection for sale by item or group of items: Shrine, Commandery, Lodge, and miscellaneous items. Those interested can obtain a list of items by sending SAE to **Charles A. Garnes, 1700 Jamestown Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4944 or e-mail [charles.garnes@verizon.net](mailto:charles.garnes@verizon.net)** Please specify the list you are wanting.

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

■ Planning a Rusty Nail Degree? We have pins and certificates available at \$35.00 per unit. (A unit consists of 5 pins and 5 certificates, S & H included.) Please include your lodge name and number with your order if you wish to have them printed on your certificates. Make check out to **Tom A. Stevens, 5 Old Duxbury Court, Fairfield, OH 45014. Phone (513) 942-2490; fax (513) 272-2830.** Proceeds go to the John Hayes Gerard Masonic Scholarship Fund and 10% to KTEF.

■ Sprig of Acacia pin: each handcrafted pin is 24 karat gold vermeil finished; it will make a nice gift for the newly raised Brother; price is \$10.00 each, including S & H. Also available is the four immortal chaplains lapel pin, a beautiful pin honoring the chaplains who sacrificed their lives by giving up their lifejackets in order to save the lives of others. The price per pin is \$8.00 ea. including S & H 10% to KTEF. **New item:** Sept. 11 Memorial Masonic lapel pin, \$8.00 each, including S & H—to commemorate members who lost their lives in terrorist attack—proceeds to **KTEF, S. Kenneth Baril, 6809 Main Street, Apt. 2 West, Cincinnati, OH 45244-3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (513) 272-2830.**

■ For sale: **The Medal of Honor The Letter G in Valor**, a 268-page digest with the names, congressional citations, and Lodge membership of all Masons who have received our nation's highest military award for bravery. Books may be obtained by contacting **Macey Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., P.O. Box 9759, 3011 Old Dumbarton Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-0759, (804) 262-6551.** The price is \$16.95 plus S & H. **Author's portion of profits donated to KTEF.**

■ Bass saxophone wanted for Masonic musical group. E-mail replies to my previous ad were accidentally erased. **William H. Moore, 19345 Romar Street, Northridge, CA 91324, (818) 349-0035; e-mail [whmoorenor@msn.com](mailto:whmoorenor@msn.com)**

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

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