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**Richard Burditt Baldwin**  
**Most Eminent Grand Master**  
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## Grand Master's First Message—September 2006

*"As I assume the office of Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, I do so with a keen sense of humility and pride. The office brings great honor to the holder and a tremendous responsibility. As we enter the 21st Century, we face an enormous challenge. We must stimulate greater interest in our great order.*

*"I pray for the wisdom and strength to meet the challenge of the office of Grand Master. We have a proud heritage and a brilliant prospect for the future. We must accept the challenge, we must work together to muster the energy required to create the future that this great Christian order merits."*



The above paragraphs were penned, with minor modifications concerning "centuries," by Sir Knight Marvin Edward Fowler, M.E.G.M. of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, as his first article in the *Knight Templar*. In contemplating my first article, I pondered something appropriate to reflect my feelings upon becoming your 55th Grand Master. In looking through what Grand Masters past have written, I came upon these words of a man whom I very much admired. He has said what I wanted to say, far better than I ever could. Thus, I decided to use his words to describe my feelings on this most gratifying and humbling experience.

I look forward in the coming months to having the opportunity to meet and greet each of you, as we move forward toward our destiny.

Faternally,

Richard B. Baldwin  
Grand Master, GCT

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

SEPTEMBER: All the members of the Grand Encampment and the staff of the Grand Encampment and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation welcome our new Grand Master, Sir Knight Richard Burditt Baldwin. His first message is on page 2, and his biography is on pages 5-6. We have more wonderful poems from a Pilgrim minister who returned from the Holy Land Pilgrimage 2006 with inspirational ideas to share, pages 7 and 8. We'll be starting another Annual Campaign for the KTEF very soon, so don't miss the words of thanks from a recipient of our Foundation, page 9. Sir Knight Greenberg presents a history and examination of Daytime Masonry, page 18. Sir Knight Tribe brings us another story of a fascinating frontier Brother, page 21.

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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, *Knight 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 30, 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 30, 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!

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● **62nd TRIENNIAL MEMORABILIA:** From the 62nd Triennial Conclave, we still have available the black carrying cases that were

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● **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).

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## Sir Knight Richard Burditt Baldwin, Virginia Elected New Leader of Templar Masonry

*Installed into office on August 16, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Houston, Houston, Texas, Most Eminent Grand Master Richard Burditt Baldwin, pictured on our September cover, will preside over 165,000 Sir Knights, who comprise the Knights Templar of the United States of America. Our new Grand Master was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, 1989-1990. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment in August 1997 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo on August 15, 2000, in Nashville, Tennessee. He was elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 20, 2003, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was elected and installed Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 16, 2006, in Houston, Texas.*

Richard B. Baldwin was born in Concord, Massachusetts, October 28, 1935, the son of David S. and Hope W. Baldwin. He attended the Sudbury, Massachusetts public schools graduating in 1953, was graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1957 with the degree of bachelor of business administration, and received a M.S. degree in 1974 from George Washington University.

He entered active duty on Flag Day, June 14, 1957, served more than thirty years of active federal service, retiring 1987 as a colonel. He has two daughters, one son, four grandsons, and two granddaughters.

His Symbolic Lodge memberships include Elmer Timberman Lodge No. 54, A. Douglas Smith Lodge of Research No. 1949, Virginia Research Lodge No. 1777, all in Virginia; and Missouri Lodge of Research in Missouri.

His York Rite affiliations are: Annandale Royal Arch Chapter No. 77, Virginia; Triangle Council No. 3, R. & S.M., DC; Adoniram Council No. 10, R. & S.M., FL; Commandery: Arlington No. 29, Thomas S. Ely No. 30, Penn-Neck No. 33, Grice

No. 16 (Honorary) all of Virginia; INRI Commandery No. 4, DC; Winchester No. 12, (Honorary); Bayard No. 15 (Honorary); St. George No. 76, OH. He has honorary memberships in many Grand Commanderies and also in York Rite bodies of Florida, Alabama, South Dakota and New Hampshire; and the KYCH of Texas and Illinois. He was a long-time general chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service. He is a holder of the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple.

Masonic offices held: Grand Commander of Virginia, 1989-1990; Department Commander (honorary), Grand Encampment; Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of VA, 1993-1994; District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Royal Patron, Order of Amaranth, VA, 1989-1990; High Priest, Annandale Royal Arch Chapter No. 77, VA, 1974-1975 and 1979-1980; Past Commander, Arlington No. 29, VA, 1983-1984; Royal Patron, Potomac Court No. 4, Order of Amaranth, VA, 1982, 1985, 1989; Grand Tall Cedar, NOR-VA Forest No. 163, 1984; P.D.D.G.H.P., Grand Chapter of R.A.M., VA, 1986; Governor, York Rite College, (Charter Governor, Honorary Member),

1983-1984; Sovereign Master, Allied Masonic Degrees, 1987; Patron, Columbia Chapter No. 15, O.E.S., DC, 1990-1991; Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine, 1992-1994; Preceptor, Nova-Vita Tabernacle, HRAKTP, 1994; Prior, Rose of Sharon Priory No. 2, KYCH, 1994; Past Celebrant and Chief Adept, Societas Rosicruciana Civitatis Foederatum (1994-1995); Watchman of Shepherds, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, 1994-1997; President, National Sojourners, 1982-1983; Commander, Heroes of '76, 1981-1982; P.E. Chief, Knight Masons, 1993; Pres., National Defense Masonic Club, 1982-1983; Pres., VA Appreciation Club, KTEF (1989); Pres., VA Assoc. of

A.M.D. Councils, 1990; Grand Treasurer, Royal Order of Scotland, 1986-1991; Grand Chaplain, Grand Council, R. & S.M., DC; P.D. Supreme Watchman of Shepherds, 1995-1997.

Scottish Rite Bodies: A. & A.S.R., S.J. of the U.S.A., Valley of Alexandria, Orient of VA; A. & A.S.R., S.J. of the U.S.A, Valley of Washington, Orient of DC; A.A.S.R., N.M.J., New Jersey. Holds 33° from D.C.

He is also affiliated with Allied Masonic Degrees, Grand College of Rites, C.B.C.S., Red Branch of Erie, Masonic Order of the Bath, and Royal Ark Mariners.

*More Officer Biographies Will Follow in Future Issues.*

## Grand Encampment Honors Two Ladies at California Grand Sessions

The Grand Encampment honored two ladies at the California Grand Sessions with the designation of "Companion of the Temple." They are shown here with Mrs. Harland (Micki) Forell on the left and Mrs. Dan (Helen) McDaniel on the right. They are flanked on the left by Sir Knight Milton Abbott, Jr., then Grand Commander of California, and on the right by Sir Knight David Baba, Southwestern Department Commander for the Grand Encampment.



These ladies, both wives of Past Grand Commanders, exemplify outstanding service to Templary and Freemasonry. Lady Micki is President of Paradise Assembly No. 250, Social Order of the Beauceant, and Lady Helen is a Past President of the Palo Alto York Rite Ladies' Auxiliary. Lady Helen also planned, organized, solicited recipes, edited, and published the very successful "California Gold" recipe book, referred to elsewhere in this magazine. Lady Micki and her husband were instrumental in the financial support of this project. Through these ladies' combined efforts, the cookbook project has provided over \$22,000 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Orders for the book continue to be received from all over the country, and they thank each and every one who participates. Because of the funding of the publication through donations, 100% of the receipts go to the Eye Foundation.

# Holy Land Pilgrimage—2006

*Reverend Doug Ridley, a recipient of the Holy Land Pilgrimage 2006, is minister at Grace United Methodist Church, 501 Race Street, Cambridge, MD 21613. He wrote several poems (four of them here) while on the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. See the April, May, and June issues for other poems by Reverend Ridley.*

## Pilgrimage

We sail aloft,  
six miles above the sea,  
toward the Holy Land.  
Spain falls behind;  
we cross Sardinia,  
then Sicily,  
and pass 'neath Greece—  
each mass of land  
is lined with fluffy, shiny clouds—  
white isles of mist—  
below our winged ship.  
The air outside  
is minus sixty Fahrenheit.  
We list a little left,  
descend,  
to end our ride.

I can't believe it still.  
I'm here:  
above the wine-dark sea,  
aflight on pilgrimage  
to see  
and sense  
the land where Jesus taught.

I'll walk  
this week  
where he embodied love  
like God's own self,  
and called on us  
to pledge ourselves  
to love like him.

I hope I'm caught.

written: 2-22-2006

Poet's note on "Pilgrimage": *This was the first of the Pilgrimage poems, written on the way to Israel, 35,000 feet above the Mediterranean Sea; a first attempt to say what this Pilgrimage meant to me—what I anticipated or hoped it would be.*

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## Ezra's Sermon

The Galilee's alive,  
because it lets  
the waters that come in  
flow through  
and out  
its southern end,  
the lower Jordan's snout.

It both  
receives  
and gives,  
and fills our nets.

The Dead Sea's dead,  
because it only gets;  
it doesn't give.  
The lower Jordan's route  
brings plenty in,  
but none flows out,  
no doubt to stagnate there;  
unfit to water pets.

Which one am I:  
Salt Sea  
or Kenneret?  
Is mine a heart  
that gets and gives,  
alive  
to life  
and love,  
or does my need  
deprive my soul  
of joy,  
by hoarding all I get?  
I'm made for love  
and life,  
not stagnate death.  
I'll strive to give  
until my final breath.

written 2-27-2006

Poet's note on "Ezra's Sermon": *Our Jewish guide Ezra compared the two bodies of water, as a sermon we might use about the differences in people. It had to become a poem!*

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## Pilgrim Shrines

Each holy site  
we visited  
has been entombed  
in concrete,  
wood,  
and ornaments,  
which shield the sacred treasure trove  
within,  
so all we see are history's gaudy tents.

Those shrines,  
adorned with precious gems  
and art  
of every kind,  
express creatively  
the deep devotion  
of each Christian heart  
for where Christ lived  
and died  
for you  
and me.

You know  
we do such crazy things  
with shrines,  
Lord God,  
in frail, sincere attempts  
to show our love for you.  
Across the centuries,  
each age  
and nation  
adds their outward signs  
of heartfelt faith,  
and so they grow,  
these sacred things  
the modern pilgrim sees.

written: 7-17-2006

Poet's note on "Pilgrim Shrines": *There's a church at or over every special site, complete with adornments accumulated over the centuries. What first appears to cover what we come to see actually reminds us of the devotion of others throughout the Church's history.*

## Bethlehem

You go  
beneath the altar,  
down into a little cave,  
and there—  
down there—  
you see a little space  
the church believes to be  
the place  
the manger would have been,  
where  
two millennia ago  
a baby Jew was born.

That holy place  
will be  
for me  
another pilgrim-treasured memory,  
a precious memory  
to share  
with you.

In Bethlehem,  
that night  
so long ago,  
our Lord was born  
within a stable cave.

Another cave would  
one day  
be his grave,  
against that Easter morn  
when God would show  
just who he was,  
that precious, infant Jew:  
that he was God's own grace  
for me  
and you.

written: 7-17-2006  
Doug Ridley

Poet's note on "Bethlehem": *Bethlehem's part of Palestinian territory, but we got to go there for a brief visit—on a Palestinian bus with a Palestinian guide.*





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### **GRAND MASTER'S CLUB**

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| No. 4,867—Gordon L. Anderson (FL)      |                                    |

### **GRAND COMMANDER'S CLUB**

- No. 102,421—David Neal Kelley (TX)

## ***Grateful Words from a KTEF Recipient...***

April 4, 2006

I have just returned home from my first eye surgery, which you so generously made possible. My whole world has lit up again. I was almost blind from cataracts; in fact, my left eye, on which I had surgery today, was covered with a cataract. The surgery has made such a difference that it is unbelievable.

Until you were caring enough to give me this surgery, I was paralyzed. I had to have someone take me to the doctor and to purchase groceries, and someone had to drive me anywhere I had to go.

Now, all this has changed.

I go back tomorrow to have this eye checked, and if everything goes well, the doctor says he will schedule me for the right eye in two or three weeks.

This is a gift the Knights Templar have given me that I can never repay!

I have been disabled since surgery in 2002, and though I am in the process of trying, I have not received any disability payments. My family has helped me all they could.

I will ever be grateful to your Eye Foundation, and my family hopes to support it with some donations.

Again, many thanks and may God bless you for this gift!

Gratefully Yours,  
T. P.  
Irvington, Alabama

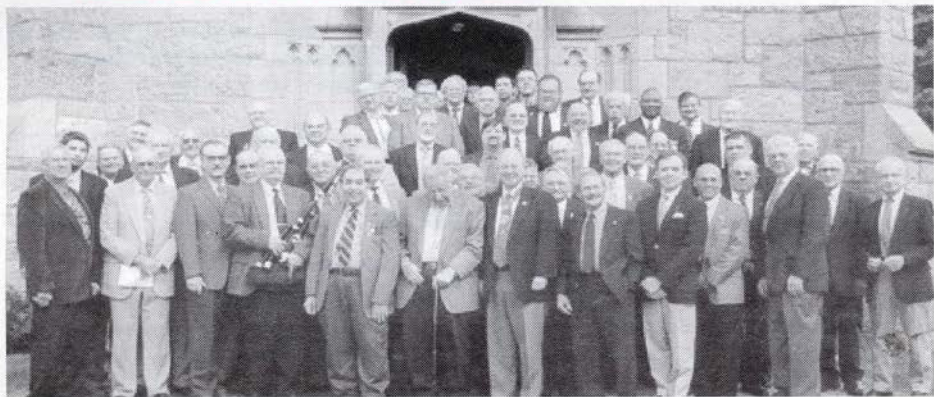
# On the Masonic Newsfront

## Fourth of July Parade in Newhall, California



Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, in conjunction with Old West Lodge No. 813, has participated in the Newhall, California, 4th of July parade for several years. This year, 2006, with the help of several active duty servicemen, they took the Trophy for the best Color Guard again. Some of the Sir Knights participating and a lady, were, left to right: Larry Small; Paul E. McElwain, Deputy Grand Commander of CA; Bruce E. Hudson; Mrs. Mary Ann Waterman; Charles R. Waterman, Jr., Grand Commander of CA; Richard T. Cooper, Past Grand Commander of CA; Carlos Gonzalez; Rick Baca; Cirilo Marquez; Donald J. Spenser, Recorder; and Wayne Fisher.

## 142nd Annual Ascension Day Observance in Connecticut



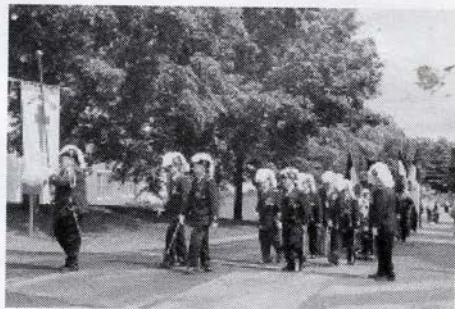
On Thursday evening, May 25, 2006, the Clark Commandery Association of New Haven Commandery No. 2, held its 142nd Annual Ascension Day Observance in the Memorial Chapel at the Hillside Cemetery in Torrington, Connecticut. →→→→

This year's event was attended by Brother and Sir Knight Charles B. Fowler, Jr., Past Grand Commander and presently the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut; Sir Knight William L. Miller II, R.E. Grand Commander of Connecticut; 3 Past Grand Masters; 6 Past Grand Commanders; the Most Excellent Grand High Priest; several Eminent Commanders; many Sir Knights, and some Master Masons. After a welcome by Sir Knight Paul Chello, E.C. of New Haven Commandery, a very meaningful service was presented by Sir Knight Frederick H. Lorenson, who mentioned that Ascension Day seems to be fading out in the churches in the Christian community.

Immediately following the service, about 64 Sir Knights and Master Masons journeyed to the Sphinx Shriners' Kaabans Club in Plymouth for a social hour and dinner. The Clark Commandery Association consists of President, Arthur H. Carlstrom; Treasurer, Leonard F. D'Amico; Secretary, Richard V. Travis, P.G.C.; and Trustee, Frederick H. Lorenson. (submitted by Sir Knight Robert D. Sherrick)

### Grand Commandery of Connecticut at Grand Master's Day

The pictures below show the Grand Commandery of Connecticut leading the parade at Grand Master's Day 2006, and the one left bottom shows the Grand Commander of Connecticut, Sir Knight William L. Miller II, saluting Most Worshipful Brother and Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Charles B. Fowler, Jr., in Wallingford, Connecticut, at the event. According to Sir Knight Robert D. Sherrick, magazine correspondent and supplement editor: "The Grand Commandery had a very good turn out of Sir Knights to honor our Brother. The weather was great and everyone had a wonderful time."



## Westminster Assembly No. 245, S.O.O.B., Celebrates Calendar Dinner Party and Live Auction



Westminster Assembly No. 245, Social Order of the Beauceant in Westminster, Maryland, celebrated a Calendar Dinner Party and Live Auction fundraiser at the Masonic Temple with a profit of \$2,500. The affair attended by 96 men, women, and children was hosted by Mrs. David E. Alcon, 2nd row, far right, President of Westminster Assembly and Supreme First Vice President of Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant. Assisting her were Mrs. Joseph F. Chalker, Supreme Recorder, 2nd row, center, and Mrs. Carl

J. Wisner, Chairman, Area 12, KTEF, seated. Sir Knights pictured are, left to right: Dave Auchey, Auctioneer, Past Commander, Bethel Commandery No. 98, Hanover, Pennsylvania; James B. Coker, R.E. Grand Commander of Maryland; and John Lewis, R.E. Past Grand Commander of Pennsylvania.

## Wyoming Beauceant Assembly Relieves Distressed

The members of Sheridan Assembly No. 131, Social Order of the Beauceant, Sheridan, Wyoming, regularly participate in the "Lunch Together" program. Every eight weeks they gather at a local church where they prepare and serve food to relieve the distress of the homeless and needy. Approximately fifty meals are served at each session.

The serving line as pictured below are from the left foreground to background: Alice Sholine, Jane Clark, Donna Lee, Doris Case, and Pat Wintermute.



## Sir Knight Glen L. Bower, Illinois, Appointed US Immigration Judge

Sir Knight Glen L. Bower of St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Chicago, Illinois, has been appointed a US Immigration Judge, and his ceremonial swearing-in recently took place at an investiture ceremony in Chicago, Illinois.

The ceremony took place in the Ceremonial Court room of the US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and was presided over by Deputy Chief Immigration Judge Thomas Pullen, who also administered the oath of office. The official robing ceremony for Judge Bower was conducted by US District Judge James B. Zagel and US District Judge Samuel Der-Yeghiayan.

Speakers at the investiture ceremony were Congressman Roger F. Wicker (R-MS), former Congressman Terry L. Bruce (D-IL), and J. William Roberts, former US Attorney for the Central District of Illinois.

Sir Knight Bower is one of more than 200 US Immigration Judges, located in courts around the nation. These judges preside over more than 250,000 proceedings each year.

Sir Knight Bower has a long record of public service, having served as State's Attorney of Effingham County, Illinois; member of the Illinois House of Representatives, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue, and Chairman of the US Railroad Retirement Board (by appointment of the President of the United States). Bower served in the US Air Force Reserve from 1974 until his retirement (as lieutenant colonel) in 1999.

Bower received a Bachelor of Arts degree (President's Scholar) in 1971 from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a Juris Doctorate degree (with honors) in 1974 from Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago-Kent College of Law.



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## IN MEMORIAM



**Garth Short**  
Washington  
Grand Commander—2001  
Born: March 5, 1924  
Died: May 25, 2006

**Bobby Ray Terry**  
Alabama  
Grand Commander—1998  
Born: February 1, 1939  
Died: July 23, 2006

**Fred R. Prell**  
Nebraska  
Grand Commander—1989  
Born: November 21, 1918  
Died: July 19, 2006

**Leon A. Anderson**  
Oklahoma  
Grand Commander—1987  
Born: February 12, 1916  
Died: July 31, 2006

## Letters to the Editor...

**Ty Cobb: Baseball's Unpopular Icon:** (November and December 2006)

Ty Cobb is acknowledged as a great in a sport, in which more than any other sport there is a curious balance between individual achievement and team performance. His image as a great has been tarnished by his reputation for being a sorehead and a putter, a Reggie Jackson of his time.

Is such a reputation entirely earned, or is it the result of minor difficulties as the new boy created a niche in the Detroit Tigers, magnified out of proportion by sports journalists of the day? The article [by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett] approaches near brilliance in exploring the difference between the man and the image.

J. C. Collins  
Ronkonkoma, New York

I read Sir Knight Bennett's articles about Ty Cobb with considerable interest as I am quite involved in baseball history. I am President of the St. Louis Browns Historical Society and Treasurer of the Bob Broeg St. Louis Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research. I am also a Knight Templar for 52 years having been Knighted by my father in Ascalon Commandery No. 16 in St. Louis, Missouri.

I did notice some inaccuracies, however, in Sir Knight Bennett's articles regarding Ty Cobb's military service in World War I.

The reason I have some knowledge of Cobb's entering the military was from my father, Sir Knight Louis F. Heger, who was a Past Grand Commander of Missouri (1942-1943) and Past Department Commander of the old North-Central Department (1952-1955). My father was a big baseball fan and had a personal encounter with Cobb shortly before Cobb entered the Army in **September 1918, not 1917 as stated in the article.**

My father had enlisted in the Navy in World War I and had been home in Detroit over Labor Day weekend on leave from his duty in 1918. The 1918 baseball season ended on Labor Day because President Wilson issued his "work or fight" order, and Secretary of War Newton Baker directed baseball to end the season early so the ballplayers could enter the military or go into defense work. As my father was returning to his station in Detroit by train on Labor Day, the Detroit Tigers Baseball Team was on the same train returning to Detroit after playing the St. Louis Browns in their last game of the shortened season.

As my father was in uniform, Ty Cobb, Bobby Veach, and several other ballplayers sat down with him. They asked him if he was upset that they were not yet in the military. Being a baseball fan, my father assured them it did not bother him. Cobb specifically told him that he had recently enlisted and would be leaving for the Chemical Warfare Service shortly, which would have been September 1918, not 1917. The reason Cobb played only 111 games in 1918 was due to the shortened season.

Ray Robinson's biography of Christy Mathewson, *Matty an American Hero*, describes the poison gas incident involving Cobb and Mathewson as occurring in the fall of 1918. He points out that both Cobb and Mathewson had recently enlisted and were sent overseas within a few weeks. Mathewson had managed the Cincinnati Reds in the 1918 season. Branch Rickey, another famous baseball figure, was a major in the same unit.

Cobb did return to baseball by the 1919 season and played in 124 games.

Incidentally, the 1919 season was also shortened to 140 games to allow players returning from the war time to get back in shape.

Here is an interesting bit of trivia: The two teams that won the World Series in the war years of 1917 and 1918, the Chicago White Sox and Boston Red Sox, did not win another World Series for over 85 years and then finally won the past two years.

Frederick L. Heger  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Brother Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.: His Father's Son and Military Hero** (February 2006): I read with interest Doctor Tribe's article on Theodore Roosevelt. Here is some additional information from personal experience.

Just prior to D-Day on June 6, 1944, I met General Roosevelt when we were both patients on the same floor of a US Army station hospital in London, England.

I was a captain, US Army Medical Corps, assigned to the 7th General Dispensary, London Base Command.

A general dispensary is a small medical office assigned to an Army headquarters overseas during wartime. It is staffed by a small complement of medical officers, nurses, and corpsmen and equipped with field medical equipment and supplies plus one ambulance to transport patients to a hospital. It is essentially a doctor's office serving a rear echelon headquarters staff.

A medical condition often requiring hospitalization at the time was *Atypical Pneumonia*, also called *Walking Pneumonia*. It was presumed to be caused by a virus. Chronic fatigue, reduced immunity, exposure to a constant flow of transients carrying the virus in the London area and increased virulence of the strain were considered contributing factors at that time. The pattern on X-ray is diagnostic, and both lungs are usually affected.

There is no known specific treatment, just protracted bed rest, regular diet, oxygen, and fever control. Isolation is not exercised except for a single room and standard sanitary precautions.

Both General Roosevelt and I suffered from *Atypical Pneumonia*. I later learned that he was suffering from multiple chronic conditions, including a serious cardiac condition.

He worked every day in the hospital. His room was filled with officers and enlisted men all day long with loads of maps and papers to review. He was a commander of a combat unit preparing for D-Day.

The hospital personnel strongly disapproved of this working hospital routine, but they were outranked.

He was discharged from the hospital signing out against medical advice. The medical staff considered him unfit for active duty.

It came as no surprise that we later learned he suffered from osteoarthritis, chronic cardiac disease with recurrent atrial fibrillations, visual impairment, and residual *Atypical Pneumonia*. He succumbed in the field soon after D-Day.

He was driven to live up to his own and traditional family expectations. His personality traits may have caused his premature demise, but *he did not miss D-Day!*

I stayed in the hospital about 2 weeks, recovered from the pneumonia, returned to active duty, and later became Chief of Hospitalization in Paris.

Today I am alive and as well as can be expected for a person 92 years old.

Anyway, the article brought back memories of World War II and my brief encounter with General Theodore Roosevelt.

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*An unfamiliar but significant holiday...*

## **The 17<sup>th</sup> of September—Part II**

**by H. Edward May, P.G.C., Florida  
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When the Constitutional Convention ended on September 17, 1787, the delegates returned to their respective states to work for ratification. Nine states were required for ratification of the document. That job was completed in June 1788. The first President and Congress of the newly established nation were elected in January and February of 1789, and thus began the glorious adventure of a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. While we have yet to attain perfection in this experiment, we know that we have come much closer to doing so than has any effort since mankind instituted governments.

The purpose of the Bill of Rights was to assure both the people and the several states their rights would be protected against encroachment by the Federal Government. It was necessary for each to surrender certain prerogatives and powers in order to have a central government. But our forefathers were farsighted enough to place limits on the powers and authority of this central government. Both citizens and state legislators had expressed their concern during the ratification process.

Initially, seventeen amendments to the Constitution were suggested. These were later pared to twelve, then ten. Of the twelve, the first (dealing with Congressional apportionment) and the second (dealing with compensation) were defeated. Ratification of the last ten required approval of eleven states. This was accomplished when Virginia approved them on December 15, 1791.

The formal end to the Revolutionary War came in 1783. The Articles of Confederation needed major revisions, and in place of these revisions, the Constitution was born. It became the "Law of the Land" upon its adoption and has served us well in the years since. The fundamental question facing the drafters of the document was the apportionment of power. The resulting impasse was broken when Connecticut offered what has become known as "The Great Compromise." This procedure established a House of Representatives composed of members based on a state's population and designated as the lower house. The upper house, known as the Senate, had its membership based on equality. The document defined the powers of the Executive and Judicial branches of the new government in detail.

Written into the Constitution is the restriction that the president's salary cannot be raised while he is an incumbent, nor can he receive "outside" compensation. (How many millions of taxpayer dollars could have been saved if the same restrictions had been placed on the other two branches of government!) Congress was given the power to levy direct taxes



upon the people but was restricted from levying indirect taxes. That showed a great deal of foresight on the part of the drafters.

The Constitution consists of seven Articles. Even when we include the Bill of Rights, we must still stand amazed at its completeness. Speaking for the Supreme Court in 1839, Chief Justice and Brother John Marshall made a landmark decision. He declared that the Bill of Rights applied *only* to the Federal Government and *not* to the states. In doing so, he defined not only the limits of the states but also those of the Federal Government. In the intervening years, the Supreme Court has spoken out a number of times to further interpret the intent of the framers of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. In 1875, the Court declared that the first eight amendments did *not* cover "the privileges and immunities of citizens." This blocked efforts to make the Bill of Rights binding upon the states. In 1916, 1925, 1935, 1944, and 1954, the Supreme Court made historical decisions as they endeavored to further define the rights of citizens. Those decisions have implemented the visions expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution.

The original ten amendments and particularly Numbers I, IV, V, and VI, have been the "workhorses" in the efforts to fully protect the rights of the individual citizens. Explained briefly they are:

Article I: Separates church and state, protects freedom of speech and the press, gives people the right to assemble peaceably, and gives them the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Article IV: Prevents unreasonable search and seizure.

Article V: Prevents self-incrimination and double jeopardy.

Article VI: Requires speedy and public trial.

A Knight Templar, as a Christian Mason and soldier of Christ, has a vested interest in maintaining the American Heritage intact. The Flag Lecture in the Order of the Temple is a most inspiring tribute. The sentiments expressed therein should fill our hearts and provide us with the motivation to ensure the preservation of our country. Patriotism is not an inherited trait. Like many other attributes, it must be taught to the young. No one is born with good table manners. If we were not taught manners, many adults would still be eating mashed potatoes with their fists! The same argument applies to love of country. We all must be taught the heritage of this nation. We must each be taught to love our country, to respect its flag, to obey its laws, and to respect the rights of others.

Today, thousands of people from foreign lands would willingly undertake life-threatening risks to reach the shores of the United States. With all of our problems, we still manage to offer the individual more freedom and a better hope of a good life than any other country in the world. Our motto is "In God We Trust." We can never deny that His intercession during the bleak days of the Revolutionary War made the centuries-old dream of mankind a reality.

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## Daytime Masonry

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg  
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**M**asonry, by tradition, has been considered as an institution that holds its meetings at night under the cloak of darkness.

The idea of assembling otherwise arose during wartime situations. The first such record appeared during the Civil War. Many of the men in the Union force became Masons in Sea and Field lodges, specially chartered by various grand jurisdictions to hold meetings onboard ships or in fields wherever troops would be stationed. Among these men were musicians who played in military bands.

When hostilities ceased in 1865, many returned to their homes and resumed their former occupations. Some were engaged in the field of music as players or as singers in operas. Others worked as stage entertainers or, in the background, as stagehands. Other men resumed employment as printers for newspapers or sometimes as restaurant workers.

All shared the fact that their hours of employment precluded regular attendance at Masonic lodges, which held their meetings at night. Thus these men were denied the fraternal communication and Masonic fellowship which they desired.

The extent of this situation became increasingly apparent to several Brethren living in New York City. To them it seemed obvious that many valuable contributions by dedicated and talented men were being denied to the fraternity.

With a determination to correct this problem in such a manner as to retain these Brethren, a small group of Masons led by Frederick Widdows, a professional musician and a member of Clinton Lodge No. 453, after a series of informal meetings, called upon R. Worshipful Brother Robert D. Holmes, the Deputy Grand Master of New York, to explain their concept for holding lodge meetings during daytime hours.

With enthusiasm for this idea, he promised his full support. He then outlined the steps required to successfully effect this plan. To do this, it would be necessary to obtain written consent from a number of lodges. Twelve Masons in good standing would have to sign a formal application before a lodge would be permitted to hold regular meetings between NOON and 8 P.M.

The first lodge to give its approval was Kane Lodge No. 454 on January 10, 1865. Five additional lodges added their approval, and on January 25, 1865, the Grand Lodge of New York granted a dispensation for this to occur. A charter was subsequently issued on a temporary basis.

To conclude this proposal, it was necessary to select a name for this new lodge. Several names were proposed all relating to the occupations of its members, names such as "Harmony Lodge" and "Melody Lodge." It was agreed that the new lodge should derive its name from the patron saint of music, St. Cecile, chosen for the gratitude offered to R.W. Brother Robert D. Holmes, without whose assistance this lodge would not have come into existence.

(His wife, who was born in France, was named Cecile Robir.)

The initial meeting, under dispensation, was held on February 15, 1865. On February 21, 1865, the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred upon two candidates. They later received the Master Mason Degree and signed the lodge bylaws on March 21 of that year.

In May of 1865, while the lodge was still under dispensation, a motion was made to use the Latin form of the name, St. Cecilia, instead of the French form of the name, but the motion was defeated. The use of "St. Cecilia" would be adopted at another time and in another place.

Music remained as one of the outstanding attributes of St. Cecile Lodge. From its institution, every meeting was begun with both prayer and music. The charter members included an organist, an operatic tenor, an orchestra leader, an orchestra member, a piano dealer, a piano manufacturer, a printer, and a theater manager. The first Worshipful Master was Frederick Widdows, a musician.

In June of 1869, St. Cecile Lodge, by resolution of the Grand Lodge of New York, was commissioned to provide appropriate Masonic music at the opening ceremony for each Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. In 1917 a quartet of Brethren from this lodge was included in the opening ceremonies.

A fact of interest came to light with regard to the numbering of this new lodge. The rules of the Grand Lodge of New York allowed each constituent lodge, upon its chartering, to select any number up to 1000

which had not already been chosen. The number 865 was selected because it referred to the year in which it was established 1865. It was soon determined, however, that this number had already been chosen by another lodge, so in its place, the number 865 was reversed and St. Cecile Lodge became No. 568 on the Grand Lodge roster. The number 865, however, was not destined to vanish. It would reappear in a distant lodge at another time.

The distinctive emblem of St. Cecile Lodge was designed by Brother Lawrence O'Reilly, the lodge secretary, in 1880. He adopted it from a silver scarf pin given to him by his sister. He bent the pin into the form of a horseshoe and superimposed upon it a square and compass with the letter "G." To this he added strings creating a lyre. This emblem, too, would later be adopted by another lodge.

After 37 years of distinctive service as the only daylight lodge, St. Cecile was visited on April 29, 1902, by Brother Albert Roullier, the Senior Warden of a lodge meeting in Chicago, Illinois. This Brother was pleasantly surprised by the daytime character of this lodge and its fine attendance. He related that his own lodge in Chicago, with a similar occupational background of its membership, harbored a vision for a daylight meeting plan.

He desired to learn all that he could to motivate his lodge to adopt this daylight fashion for its meetings. He returned home with much information happily supplied to him.

A favorable reception of his idea by his own St. Cecilia Lodge,

already numbered 865, caused the Grand Lodge of Illinois on May 20, 1902, to grant permission for a new charter to be issued allowing this lodge in Chicago to have the same hours of assembly as its counterpart in New York City.

Since that time, 21 American Masonic lodges have received dispensations to hold their meetings during the hours of daylight. Masonic lodges in Boston, Detroit, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Kansas City, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Louisville, Miami, St. Louis, and Seattle now host daylight lodges.

In the Chicago area there are presently four Masonic lodges: LaMoille Lodge No. 270, Oneida Lodge No. 337, Wrights Grove Lodge No. 779, and Sunrise Lodge No. 996. There is also a daylight Royal Arch Chapter, Three Pillars Chapter No. 280, that meets regularly in the Chicago area.

The wisdom of extending to worthy men the opportunity for Masonic fellowship should be spread widely across the land. No man of good will should be denied this experience because of worldly obligations associated with his occupation. His lodge will profit by having present a larger group of dedicated Masons who will build a sound future for the Craft.

This sentiment was expressed by M.W. Brother Ward Asbury, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, when on May 17, 1952, he presided at the constitution of Nocturnal Lodge No. 1137 near Buffalo: "The daytime lodge may potentially tap countless men upon their shoulder offering to them the opportunity to share in fraternal

considerations that might otherwise fail to touch their lives."

Experience in the Chicago area has shown clearly that daylight meetings have brought many Brethren whose working hours have precluded lodge attendance back into the fraternal folds much as it did for many retired Brethren whose failing eyesight or other infirmities have kept them from nighttime journeys. They could, however, safely travel during the daylight hours. This allowed them to partake of fraternal fellowship with ample time left to spend with their families in the evening hours. Because many of these Brethren have served previously in the Oriental Chair, most are quite proficient and can still serve admirably in matters of ritual. Thus the search for qualified officers is usually accomplished without difficulty.

The firm basis of a true and lasting fraternity resides in the ability of good men to perform common service to all.

Its reason for existence becomes acceptable only if such service is truly just and worthy. The nature of such matters must give strength to all those who uphold the principles of our great fraternity whether it be in the still of the evening or in the glow of the morning sun.

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# Brother Frank Canton: The Mediocre Outlaw Who Became a Legendary Frontier Lawman

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KCT, KYCH, 33°

The annals of the American West are filled with legendary characters. Some earned their status through deeds of courage and daring while some did not. Some fought Indians, outlaws, or the elements of raw nature to earn their place in history, although a few typified by Jesse James and Billy the Kid were what some people might call social bandits.

The subject of this sketch was an outlaw who fled the Texas legal system and then spent the rest of his life as a law officer in such far-flung locales as Wyoming, Alaska, and Oklahoma. Brother Frank Melvin Canton never became as famous as Wyatt Earp, Wild Bill Hickok, or Bat Masterson, but his career in law enforcement not only lasted longer than the others but held equal significance. Also, like the others, Canton often found himself embroiled in controversy.

Frank Canton was born Josiah Horner on September 15, 1849. Of Virginia origin, the family of John Horner and his second wife, Mary Jane Clemmons, lived in Henry County, Indiana, at the time. A restless family that came to number nine children, the Horners lived in Ozark, Missouri, in 1862 when John and an older son joined the Confederate Army. John Horner died—probably in a Yankee prison—early in 1865, and the following year surviving family members settled in Denton County, Texas, where an older married sister had earlier moved.

Young Joe Horner, as Josiah

became known, worked at farming and a variety of odd jobs over the next few years, mostly as a cowboy. He helped tend the herds of an aging rancher named Christopher Carter. One exception came in April 1868 when he participated in a cattle drive for one Jerry Burnett, who sent 1,500 head of longhorns to the railhead at Abilene, Kansas. Burk Burnett, a nineteen-year-old son of the owner, made the drive too, and the pair became lifelong friends.

In 1873 Joe Horner had his first scrape with the law. Taking horses from Indians, although illegal, was often "winked at" by Anglo-American Texans, and both Comanches and whites engaged in purloining horses from each other. He also experienced altercations with Negro soldiers in a Texas where many of the locals still resented symbols of Reconstruction. On January, 10, 1876, he participated in a bank robbery in the town of Comanche, where three members of the "Horner Gang" took some \$5,500. At some point Joe also took part in a stage robbery, subsequently claiming that he only held the horses for the other robbers.

Whichever, he was caught, broke jail in San Antonio twice, but was eventually tried and sentenced to the prison in Huntsville, where he was a "guest of the state" from May 5, 1877, until August 4, 1879, when he took flight from a work crew, and as they say "lit out for greener pastures." As Robert K. DeArment, his biographer, states, "a man calling himself Frank

M. Canton, would spend the remainder of his days trying to eradicate the memory of Joe Horner forever."

Greener pasture in this fugitive's case turned out to be Wyoming, where he adopted a new name, "Frank Canton," and began a new life, mostly as a law officer.

By late 1879 or early 1880, "he was working as a cowboy," but had apparently decided "to align himself with those who held the levers of power." Before the end of 1881, he had become a deputy sheriff in Johnson County, and the following year, he won election as sheriff. Ferreting out cattle rustlers became Canton's specialty, and in between official positions he often worked as a range detective or inspector for the Wyoming Stock Grower's Association.

Horse stealing constituted another serious crime. During the two terms he held office, Canton and his deputies captured a number of noted outlaws, most spectacularly a leader of a gang of horse thieves known as Teton Jackson (real name Harvey Gleason). Over his four years as sheriff, Canton sent thirteen convicted horse heisters to the Illinois State Prison and six cattle rustlers to the pen as well. He also hanged one convicted killer known as Bill Booth (real name John Owens), who had crushed the skull of an elderly German immigrant.

Some idea of Canton's standing in law enforcement in September 1885 may be gleaned from the comment in Bancroft's *History* "Mr. Canton stands very high," adding that he "is a man of iron nerve and a typical frontiersman."

Romance and marriage also entered Canton's life during the mid-eighties. He began to court Anna



Frank Canton as a Johnson County Sheriff—1885

May Wilkerson, the daughter of an area ranch foreman, and they married on January 20, 1885. Frank's bride was not quite eighteen, but the marriage was a happy one despite the groom's frequent absences from home and resulted in two daughters; Helen, who died at age six, and Ruby, who outlived her father.

Frank Canton decided not to seek a third term as sheriff of Johnson County, in part because of the changing nature of the local populace. As increasing numbers of homesteaders and small ranchers moved into the area, tension between the two groups was growing. Big ranchers—rightly or wrongly—considered many if not most of these newcomers to be cattle rustlers who stole cattle from their more affluent neighbors.

Sympathy for the big ranchers began to decline, and convictions were more difficult to obtain. Canton's feelings favored the so-called cattle barons, and the lesser folk considered him their tool. While nineteen horse and cattle thieves were sent to prison during Canton's time in office, only five were put away by his successors.

These mounting tensions would eventually culminate in the infamous Johnson County War in which Frank Canton would be a major player.

After Frank's term ended, the Canton Family moved to their own ranch, and he began building his own herd.

However, he was soon back to work as a range detective for the Wyoming Stock Grower's Association. In this capacity, he soon made enemies of those who saw themselves as leaders of the small rancher faction including Nathan Champion, Nick Ray, and John Tisdale. The latter was murdered on December 1, 1891, and Canton was believed to be the one who dispatched him.

Canton left the area for a time but was back by April 1892 to take part in the so-called "invasion" of Johnson County in which an "army" of some fifty hired gunmen in the employ of the big ranchers endeavored without much success to exterminate the small ranchers, some of whom may have been "rustlers" in the usual definition of the term. They did succeed in killing Champion and Ray, but ultimately the "invaders" yielded to superior forces.

Ultimately, Canton and his cohorts were acquitted in some

instances and charges were dropped in others. The ranchers who had employed him supplied legal support enabling him to be represented by Willis Van Devanter (of Acacia Lodge No. 11 in Cheyenne), probably the best lawyer in the state and who later served twenty-seven years on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Events associated with the Johnson County War remain controversial, and while many people believed Canton guilty, the truth will likely never be known with certainty.

Leaving Wyoming, the former sheriff and detective worked briefly managing a meat packing plant in Nebraska but soon relocated to Oklahoma Territory, where he took a position as a Deputy Sheriff in Pawnee working under an old acquaintance from Texas named



Brother Frank Canton as Deputy Sheriff  
Pawnee, Oklahoma—1895

Frank Lake. During this time Canton endeavored to square accounts for his past crimes and after some efforts revealed to Governor James S. Hogg of Texas that he was the wanted man from 1879, Joe Horner. On July 17, 1894, the governor signed a pardon for Horner's prior transgressions.

The Territory had its share of outlaws, and Canton pursued many of them and caught some. He also held a commission as a Deputy U. S. Marshal.

Among the lawless was one Bill (or Bee) Dunn, and his brothers, petty outlaws who sometimes served as informers for other marshals including Bill Tilghman and Heck Thomas. Deputy Canton killed Bee Dunn in a gunfight at Pawnee on November 13, 1896. As a nearby person who took cover put it, "I knew [when I heard the shot] who had been killed. Canton...was faster on the draw."

Just when and where Frank Canton became a Mason is uncertain, possibly in Wyoming or during his short stay in Nebraska. However, it is certain that he affiliated with Pawnee Lodge No. 82 on May 1, 1897. Apparently his homicidal handling of Dunn a few months earlier did not seem detrimental to his reputation among the local Brethren.

Over the next thirty years, he held membership in three different Oklahoma lodges. At the end of 1906, he demitted from Pawnee Lodge and the next month affiliated with Grayhorse No. 124 in nearby Fairfax, where he resided for a time. After retirement in 1922, Canton demitted again and affiliated with Edmond Lodge No. 37 in Edmond, where the Cantons lived with their daughter, who was a librarian at Central State College.

Since Canton was a Democrat, when William McKinley became President,

he was dismissed from his federal position. However, he did secure another commission in far distant Alaska Territory and left Pawnee at the end of July. Canton encountered many problems and frustrations during his two adventurous years in Alaska, partly because of the poor communication problems, mostly in the winter.

Frank's biographer, Robert K. DeArment, gives two examples of how the marshal took his Masonic responsibilities seriously while in the frozen North. During a visit to Dawson in the Yukon Territory, a Mason named Frank Hertz died, and Canton not only helped bury him but also boxed up the man's belongings and sent them back to his relatives in Pennsylvania. Another Mason, Paul Dinslee, died from typhoid fever on a boat in the Yukon River, and Canton had the Captain take the body ashore, and with twenty-eight other Masons he gathered from the passengers, conducted Masonic rites prior to burial. To the best of the marshal's knowledge, it was the first Masonic funeral ever held in the Yukon River Valley.

In October 1899, Frank Canton met his wife and daughter in Wyoming, where they had been staying with her parents during his absence in Alaska. Needing income, he toyed with the idea of pursuing train robbers, as the Butch Cassidy gang had recently attacked a Union Pacific train at Wilcox, Wyoming, and big rewards were offered. But as neither the railroad nor the Pinkerton Agency would cover his expenses while in pursuit, his plan fell through and he returned to Pawnee County, Oklahoma, as a deputy sheriff.

Later he worked in a similar capacity in Comanche County at Lawton. Briefly, he held another appointment as



a Deputy U.S. Marshal. Then in 1907 when Oklahoma attained statehood, he received the most prestigious position of his life, that of Adjutant General.

Although Frank Canton had not a single day of actual military experience, he now held the rank of Brigadier General in the Oklahoma National Guard, a position he held through three governors for nearly nine years.

In addition to organizing the guard units and lobbying with the legislature, General Canton led the state's sharpshooting team to the national competition at Camp Perry, Ohio, in 1908. The commander himself won first prize in a pistol shooting contest, hitting the bullseye with every shot at twenty-five yards. This demonstrated that the old gunfighter had not lost his touch at the age of fifty-nine.

Retiring on July 1, 1916, several weeks short of his sixty-seventh birthday, Canton took another job as a detective with a livestock association. However, the aging lawman stated to a reporter, "I don't go to the hills and the sticks, the caves and the canyons and underbrush like I did as a young man. My duties are to assist the county attorney in prosecutions after our field men and sheriffs have rounded up the men charged with cattle stealing."

He also worked on an autobiography which was published three years after his death as *Frontier Trails*. As one critic wrote, it was as interesting for what he left out as for what he included. Eventually, he retired on a small pension, and he and Annie lived with their daughter in Edmond until he died on September 27, 1927, at the age of seventy-eight.

Frank Canton was buried with full military and Masonic rites. Daughter Ruby died in 1928.

The widow Canton, active in both her church and the Eastern Star, survived, working for some years as a visitor's guide at the Oklahoma Historical Society before dying in the Masonic Home in Guthrie on September 3, 1948.

Canton's life, like that of many people, was "checkered with good and evil." Although controversial, one would probably conclude that his strengths outnumbered his weaknesses. As Sir Knight Joe Bennett chose to quote in his evaluation of Dallas Stoudenmire (another Masonic gunfighter) from one line in a funeral service: "Let us cast around his foibles the broad mantle of a Mason's charity."

**Note:** By far the best source of information on Canton is Robert K. DeArment, *Alias Frank Canton* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1996), although his own *Frontier Trails* (1930 and 1966) makes interesting if incomplete reading. Books on the Johnson County War, such as D. F. Baber, *The Longest Rope* (1959), and Helena Huntington Smith, *The War on Powder River* (1966) offer a somewhat different perspective. For his Oklahoma Masonic records, I am indebted to the staff of the Grand Lodge in that state. Anyone who can identify Frank Canton's original lodge would be deeply appreciated.

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## Honolulu Assembly, S.O.O.B., Welcomes Supreme Worthy President



In June 2006 Honolulu Assembly No. 133, Hawaii, Social Order of the Beauceant, and (Mrs. Cletus) Sylvia Ching, Worthy President, welcomed (Mrs. Jack) MaryAnn Edwards, Supreme Worthy President, for her official visit. Other visitors included: (Mrs. C. E.) Lu Trullinger, Supreme Standard Bearer, of Paradise No. 250, California, and Reno No. 257, Nevada; (Mrs. Donald) Gwen Spencer, Supreme Historian, of Los Angeles No. 42, California; (Mrs. H. E.) Micki Forell, Worthy President, of Paradise No. 250 and Reno No. 257; (Mrs. W. J.) Katie Ryland, Past President, of Santa Ana No. 61, California, and Los Angeles No. 42; and (Mrs. Robert) Sandra Coe, Past President, Santa Ana No. 61.

## Melrose Sir Knights to the Rescue!

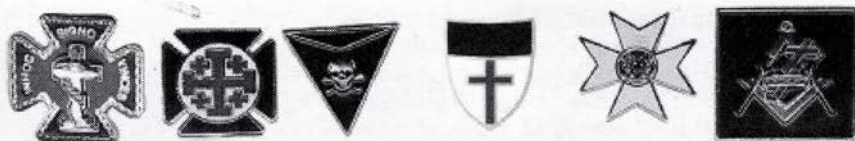


When Mrs. John A. Kleinfelder of Melrose Assembly No. 204, Social Order of the Beauceant, Houston, Texas, was elected Supreme Preceptress of the Supreme Assembly last September, she became Chairman of the Supreme Paraphernalia Committee and keeper of all the paraphernalia belonging to the Supreme Assembly. This material was housed in three very battered trunks, which were even

more battered after being shipped to her from Eugene, Oregon. Members of Melrose Commandery No. 109 in Houston, Texas, saw the damaged trunks and volunteered to purchase or build new ones for the Supreme Assembly.

Thanks to the generosity of four Melrose Sir Knights, Supreme Assembly will be using three new trunks for the paraphernalia required for its annual meeting this month in Columbus, Ohio. Pictured with one of the trunks are (left to right): Sir Knight Billy W. Ward; Mrs. Billy W. Ward, member of the committee; Mrs. Patrick W. Jordan, member of the committee; Sir Knight John A. Kleinfelder; Mrs. John A. Kleinfelder, Supreme Preceptress; Mrs. Paul E. Wunsche, member of the committee; Sir Knight Paul E. Wunsche; and Sir Knight Michael H. Shively. Mrs. Kleinfelder and the rest of the Supreme Paraphernalia Committee truly love and appreciate their "knights in shining armor"!

## 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 web-site: [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 2½ inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. The emblem is to be centered on the Cross that adorns the left side of the mantle or ceremonial robe or on the left side (on pocket) of a dress blazer. The same use is required for the GCT emblem which is bordered with a wreath. The cost of the KCT emblem is \$8.50 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling, and the cost of the GCT emblem is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Contact: Jon Patrick Sweet, 7474 Benton Street, Westminster, CO 80003-7001, or phone (303) 430-8483.

## Sale of Past Master Stein to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

This Past Master stein was produced as a dedication to Brother William Mumpower, Jr., and Brother George Spielman and all Brothers who are Past Masters in the Blue Lodge. The stein is 7 and 1/2 inches tall, and it is made of white German porcelain and has a pewter lid. On top of the lid is the Holy Bible, on the front of the stein is the Past Master's symbol, and other artwork is on each side of the Past Master symbol. Matthew 7:7 is on the bottom of the stein. As you can see, this is a very colorful piece. The price of the stein is \$60.00, and for each stein sold through the *Knight Templar* magazine, there will be a \$10.00 donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. If interested, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, 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. 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. **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 postage. 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.
- Sword slings available in 2-inch or 1-inch wide, white or black nylon straps with black, fine grade leather sword holder and with heavy duty black clips. They are adjustable to fit all sizes—\$19.00 each plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. For further details or brochure, write Tom Starnes, 3357 River Drive, Laurenceville, GA 30044-5537, (678) 923-6776 or e-mail [tonausta@comcast.net](mailto:tonausta@comcast.net). You can view online at [www.hiram.net/webs/MASONIC/tonausta/index.html](http://www.hiram.net/webs/MASONIC/tonausta/index.html). Checks to K.T. Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.
- 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://tiptopwebsite.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 Mimbs, 708 Jeanette Street, Cochran, GA 31014; e-mail [anealmimbs@bellsouth.net](mailto:anealmimbs@bellsouth.net)
- NEEDED: all furnishings required in a Cryptic Council to include the Ark, bowls, tongs, candle sticks, snuffers, 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](mailto: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.
- This year is the Bicentennial Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and the lodge has coined two different sets of coins: One has three of the Bicentennial coins in antiqued gold, silver, and bronze finish. The second set has the coin struck by the GL for the Centennial of the lodge, the coin struck for the US Bicentennial, and the third for the Bicentennial of the GL. The two sets are each numbered 1-300 and sell for \$49.00 each, plus \$7.95 shipping. If you purchase one of each set, the price is \$89.90 plus \$7.95 shipping, a savings of \$17.90. There is an order blank with pictures on the Grand Lodge web site: [masonsindelaware.org](http://masonsindelaware.org). Inquiries to: [wdmower@verizon.net](mailto:wdmower@verizon.net) or Wayne D. Mower, 19 Ruby Drive, Claymont, DE 19703-1420, (302) 798-3828.

■ **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](mailto: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.*

■ **For sale: book, *The Rationale of Freemasonry:*** Includes the meaning of allegories, the influence of social changes and trends. 240 pages, \$20.00 postpaid. % to KTEF. Check payable to and order from *Bob Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921.*

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

■ **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.

■ **Spring 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 *Macony 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)*

■ **For sale: lapel pins in your design:** custom shapes, designs, and colors—enamel/metal. We can help you with your design. Prices each are from \$.39 for 5,000, \$.49 for 2,500, or \$.59 for 1,000. Toll free: (888) 450-4707. e-mail: [gary@promoplans.com](mailto:gary@promoplans.com) Call us for free consultation and quotations. Free evaluation sample. % to KTEF.

■ **Celebrate the Fraternity with custom-designed coins and lapel pins.** Stand out in the crowd with quality designed fraternal items. Call me with your idea today so we can work together to design a one-of-a-kind pin or coin for your organization. Promotional items are perfect for all leaders to celebrate and commemorate their year. **Note: Items are produced in minimum quantities of at least 100 or more.** Call 1-800-765-1728, today for free quote, or send a SASE to *Frank Looser, P.M., 809 Cobble Cove, Nashville, TN 37211,* to receive a free brochure. Or e-mail request to [mason@cnfinteractive.com](mailto:mason@cnfinteractive.com), web site [www.cnfinteractive.com](http://www.cnfinteractive.com) Please specify the type of item you are interested in. % to KTEF.

■ **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.***

■ **Wanted: Masonic theme letterpress blocks from old printing presses.** I love their unique styling and the different, intricate designs that exist. I would like to add to my collection. I will pay or appreciate if you just want to donate. Please contact *Joe Anderson, 9538 Kingsview Lane, N.; Maple Grove, MN 55369; (763) 420-8371; or e-mail [starwolf21@netzero.net](mailto:starwolf21@netzero.net)*

■ **Wanted: Oklahoma Sir Knight is collecting Lionel trains.** Please look in your attic or your storage closet and call or write *John Alexander, 7617 E. 66th Street, Tulsa, OK 74133-1802, phone: (918) 252-4981.*

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

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**Weep Not for Me  
(to Jacques DeMolay, a true Knight)**

I followed God's will and fought the good fight.  
No more can one seek in this life.  
My courage was forged in battle and shined in the light.  
My honor was honed in the midst of the strife.

Though the fire now burns my flesh, it purifies my soul.  
My love of God is simple and true.  
No king and his pope can take their toll  
And make me bow and say what they construe.

Weep not for me I pray thee. I am at peace with my God.  
Weep for those who tried me and placed me in peril.  
Theirs is the sin for on truth they trod  
And the robes of arrogance and greed, their apparel.

The flames now rise, and me they surround.  
I've no regrets, and those that deceived are the cursed.  
It is honor I sought and honor I've found.  
And in these final moments, as I die, I see the cross.

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