



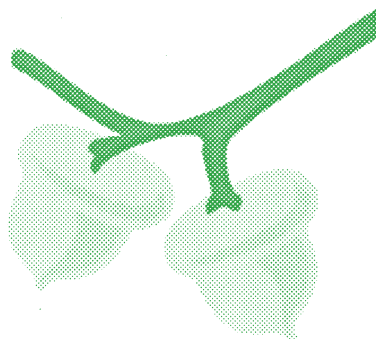
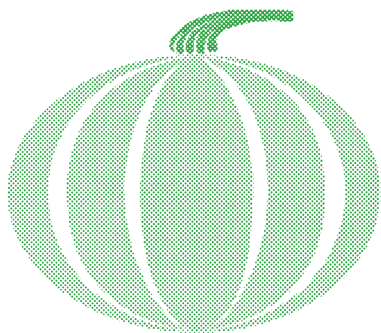
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Grand Master's Message for November 2006

Thanksgiving is a time when we pause to be thankful for the many blessings we've enjoyed over the past year. For the farmer, it's a time to be thankful for the bountiful harvest, and for the rancher, it's a time to be thankful for a healthy and profitable herd. For most of us, it's a time to be thankful for **good health, our families, and our many friends.**

We've certainly come a long way since our Pilgrim forefathers celebrated that first Thanksgiving in present-day Massachusetts. They were thankful for survival, and life itself, when so many of their comrades had died. Their sacrifices, together with the sacrifices made by every one of our forefathers who gave his life for our country, have made the United States of America the envy of the world. While we listen to the endless dribble of modern-day politics spread over the airwaves by our 24/7 news networks, let's not lose sight of the fact of who we are and the fine traditions those who have gone before have left us.



While the efforts of our Templar forefathers didn't require the "supreme" sacrifice, what they accomplished in the times they lived was nothing short of monumental. To build our fraternity in a time when the only transportation was a horse and communication was by letter, if you were lucky, is nothing short of a miracle. Today we can look with pride at those whom our Knights Templar Educational Foundation have educated, at those who can literally "see" because of our Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and at the many Christian ministers who have visited the Holy places because of our commitment. Our forefathers built a strong foundation, and we as today's Templars have done well. **We have much for which to be thankful.**

Fraternally,

**Happy
Thanksgiving**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard B. Baldwin".

Richard B. Baldwin
Grand Master, GCT

Knight Templar

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

NOVEMBER: This month we celebrate the Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies, and you'll find the pictures of these marvelous leaders on pages 5-7 and their addresses on page 8. On pages 9-11 are the biographies of two more of the Grand Encampment's outstanding, newly elected officers. By the time you receive this magazine, the 39th Annual Voluntary Campaign will have been in progress for over a month. Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, presents an inspiring message about the cause on page 13. And as part of KTEF news, we're happy to have news of research grants awarded to doctors around the country and a whole page celebrating the volunteers for the Senior EyeCare Program. Last but not least, the Benjamin Franklin story continues and concludes in this issue.

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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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Saluting Our Grand Commanders

Congratulations are extended from our Most Eminent Grand Master, Richard Burditt Baldwin, and the grand officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the fifty newly elected Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies under their jurisdiction. As part of this salute to their dedication and tireless service to Templary, *Knight Templar* magazine is printing the names and the pictures available of the Sir Knights who will serve as Grand Commanders for the current Templar year.

These Grand Commanders, whose pictures appear on these pages, will be the guiding hands on the tiller of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.



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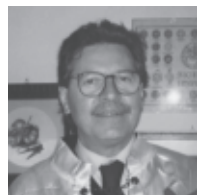
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Elected Right Eminent Grand Treasurer (2006–2009)

William Jackson Jones was born on March 12, 1939, in Tuscola, Illinois. He went to high school at Villa Grove High School, Villa Grove, Illinois; he went on to the University of Illinois for his B.S. in 1961, and he received his D.D.S. there in 1964. He married Lois A. Robinson at Tolono, Illinois, on December 10, 1967, and they have two children, Phillip and Jane. Sir Knight Jones currently resides in Villa Grove, Illinois, where Sir Knight Jones has practiced dentistry for 35 years.

Sir Knight Jones has held numerous civic positions, including serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Villa Grove Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, American Heart Association, Illinois Affiliate; Villa Grove Schools Citizens Consulting Committee; Board of Directors for Villa Grove Community Theater; and President, Eastern Illinois Dental Society.

Sir Knight Jones was Raised in Villa Grove Lodge No. 885, Villa Grove, Illinois, in September of 1960. He has served as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. In the York Rite, he is a member of Tuscola Chapter No. 66 in Tuscola, Illinois, where he has served as High Priest. He is a member of the Order of High Priesthood. He is a member of Mattoon Council No. 10, Mattoon, Illinois, where he has been the Thrice Illustrious Master.

He was created a Knight Templar on December 1, 1969, in Melita Commandery No. 37, Tuscola, Illinois, where he served as Commander in 1972 and 1977. He is a member and Past Preceptor of Lily of the Valley Tabernacle XLVI, HRAKTP. He has served in the grand line of the Grand College of America, HRAKTP.

In the Grand Commandery of Illinois, he ascended the grand line, serving as Grand Commander in 1984. In addition to being in the grand line of the Grand Encampment and serving as Most Eminent Grand Master, he is a holder of



the Knight Commander of the Temple and the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple.

Appendant Masonic activities include membership in the Scottish Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, the Valley of Danville, Illinois. He was coroneted an Inspector General Honorary of the 33° in 1985. Sir Knight Jones is a member of Ansar Temple, Springfield, Illinois, AAONMS. He belongs to the Knights of the York Cross of Honour and was recipient of the Purple Cross in 1988. He is a member of Saxa Rubra Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is an Active Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honour, is a recipient of the Order of Chevalier, and is an honorary member of International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. He is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Knight Masons, and the Order of Amaranth.

Sir Knight Jones was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the North Central Department by Donald Hinslea Smith, Most Eminent Grand Master, August 13, 1985, in Cincinnati, Ohio; was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment on August 20, 1991, in Washington, D.C.; was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment in August 1994 in Denver, Colorado; and

was elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 12, 1997 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was elected Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 16, 2000, in Nashville, Tennessee, was elected

Right Eminent Grand Treasurer at the 62nd Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, Missouri, in August of 2003, and was reelected Right Eminent Grand Treasurer at the 63rd Triennial Conclave in August 2006 in Houston, Texas.

SIR KNIGHT LAWRENCE EUGENE TUCKER, P.G.C. (TX) Elected Right Eminent Grand Recorder (2006–2009)

Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, newly elected Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the USA, was born April 2, 1956, on Ladd Air Force Base near Fairbanks, Territory of Alaska. His father, William Joseph Rye Tucker, was an active Mason, and his mother, Sue Ann Hensley Tucker, is a Majority Member of Bartlesville Assembly, Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Sir Knight Tucker graduated from South Houston High School in Houston, Texas. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance and a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of Houston.

Sir Knight Tucker is married to the former Judith (Judy) Ann Berg. Judy is a member and active participant in the Social Order of the Beauceant, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Order of the Amaranth, and the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. They are members of First United Methodist Church of Houston, and he is a Past President of the Epworth Sunday School Class.

In the Symbolic Blue Lodge, Sir Knight Tucker was initiated, passed, and Raised in Sagemont Masonic Lodge No. 1426, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, where he served as Master. He has plural memberships in Park Place Masonic Lodge No. 1172, Jacques DeMolay Masonic Lodge No. 1390, and St. Albans Masonic Lodge No. 1455. He is a Past President of the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the Thirtieth Masonic Districts of Texas. His service to the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas includes: District Deputy Grand Master, Masonic District 30C; Membership Maintenance Committee; Purposes and Policies Committee, Grand Master's Conference Presenter, Assistant State Coordinator, State Coordinator and Chief of Staff; Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Marshal, Grand Tiler, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico near Texas.

In York Rite, Capitular Masonry, Sir Knight Tucker was Exalted in Park Place Chapter No. 458, Royal Arch Mason, served as High Priest and Secretary, and was Consecrated in the Order of High Priesthood. His service to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas includes: Credentials Committee, Printing Committee, Grievances and Appeals Committee; Purposes and Policies Committee, Area Conference Coordinator; Grand Orator, Grand Captain of



the Host, Grand Master of the First Veil, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Capitular District 9, and Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Illinois near Texas.

In York Rite, Cryptic Masonry, Sir Knight Tucker was Greeted in Park Place Council No. 373, Royal and Select Masters, served as Thrice Illustrious Master and Recorder, and as President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Super Excellent Masters Association of the Fifth Cryptic Districts of Texas. He was received in the Order of the Silver Trowel and served as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Texas. His service to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas includes: Credentials Committee; Super Excellent Master Ad Hoc Committee; Jurisprudence Committee; Grand Steward, District Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic District 9; and Grand Representative of the Grand Council of England near Texas.

In York Rite Chivalric Masonry, Sir Knight Tucker was Knighted in Park Place Commandery No. 106, Knights Templar, served as Commander and Recorder, and is a dual member with Ruthven Commandery No. 2. He is a member of the Park Place Commandery Drill Team, where he served as President.

Additionally, he is a Charter member and Past Preceptor of Texas Chapter of The Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor and National Secretary of The Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor. He was Ordained a Knight Priest in

Resurrection Tabernacle No. XXI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, is currently serving as an officer in the advancing line, and is Grand Registrar of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

His service to the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, includes: Grand Commander's Aide; Foreign Correspondence Committee; Templar Instruction Committee; and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Indiana near Texas. He was elected Grand Sentinel in 1996 and served as Grand Commander in 2005-2006.

His service to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America includes: 63rd Triennial Conclave Committee and Adjutant to the Most Eminent Grand Master, awarded Knight Commander of the Temple, appointed Office Administrator in 2006, named Acting Grand Recorder on January 1, 2006, and installed Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment and awarded the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple on April 24, 2006.

In the York Rite College, Sir Knight Tucker was initiated into Texas York Rite College No. 14 and is a Charter Member of Gulf Coast York Rite College No. 106, where he served as Governor. He was elevated to the Rank of Associate Regent (Order of the Purple Cross of York) and served as President of the Council of Associate Regents. Further service to the York Rite Sovereign College of North America includes: Grand Herald, York Rite Progress and Promotion Committee, and Committee on Auditing.

Sir Knight Tucker is a Life Member of Texas Priory No. 23, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and a Charter Life Member of Ridout Priory No. 75, where he served as Prior. He received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Houston, Orient of Texas; is Past Venerable Master of Kadosh of Houston Consistory and currently is serving as an officer in the advancing line of San Jacinto Lodge of Perfection; was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and Coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary; Created a Noble in Arabia Temple, Oasis of Houston, Desert of Texas, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and served as Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Relations-Blue Lodges and member of the Past Masters Association of Arabia Temple. He also was initiated a Prophet in Chinar Grotto, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, where he served as Treasurer.

In the invitational Masonic orders, he was installed in St. Anthony Conclave No. 50, Red Cross of Constantine, where he is currently serving as an officer in the advancing line; was received and admitted to VII Grade in Texas College, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, advanced to VII and IX Grades and currently serves as Secretary of Texas

College; is a Charter Member of Nat Pace Council No. 46, Knight Masons, Charter Excellent Chief of Anson Jones Council No. 47, Knight Masons, where he currently serves as Treasurer, and served on the Constitution Committee of Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America and as Most Excellent Great Chief (2005-2006); he is a Charter Member of Sam Houston Council No. 275, Allied Masonic Degrees, where he served as Sovereign Master and currently serves as Treasurer, is a recipient of the Red Branch of Eri, and served on the Nominating Committee of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America; advanced and promoted a Knight Companion of the Royal Order of Scotland in the Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States of America; initiated in Trinity Chapel No. 12, Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, serving as an officer in the advancing line, and a Charter Member of Lone Star Chapel No. 45, serving as an officer in the advancing line; initiated into Houston Chapter No. 513, National Sojourners.

His memberships in appendant Masonic orders include: initiated in Norma D. Allen Chapter No. 1050, Order of the Eastern Star, Member of Park Place Chapter No. 731, and dual member of Bluebell Chapter No. 856, where he served as Worthy Patron; Charter Member of Houston Court No. 2, Order of the Amaranth, where he served as Royal Patron and Treasurer; initiated in Tulsa Shrine No. 8, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem (Tulsa, Oklahoma) and Charter Treasurer of The Cross of Texas Shrine No. 1; member of the Texas Lodge of Research and served as Senior Steward; Charter Member of the William M. Taylor Chapter of the Philalethes Society; Charter Member of the Scottish Rite Research Society; Charter Member of the South Carolina Masonic Research Society.

In the Masonic related youth orders he served on the Advisory Council of Bluebell Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, awarded the Grand Cross of Color; served as Promoter of Finance and Promoter of Fraternal Relations of Bethel Guardian Council of Bethel No. 2, International Order of Job's Daughters; initiated in Park Place Chapter No. 1424, Order of DeMolay, served as Chapter Advisor and is currently on the Advisory Council of Houston (formerly St. John) Chapter; he is a holder of the degree of Chevalier, served as Commander in the East of the Gulf Coast Court of Chevaliers, is a Recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, served as Dean of the Houston Preceptory, and is currently State Secretary of the Texas State Preceptory, DeMolay Legion of Honor; plus he is a recipient of the DeMolay Cross of Honor, is Director of Masonic Relations for the Texas DeMolay Association, and is a Deputy Member, International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

Sir Knight Tucker was elected Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, at the 63rd Triennial Conclave in Houston, Texas, August of 2006.

Sixty-Third Triennial Conclave • Houston, Texas

NOTICE OF ACTION

The voting delegates rejected the proposed amendment presented by Sir Knight Pressly Alvin Laird (IL) reducing the quorum for a Commandery.

PER CAPITA

The Committee on Finance proposed and the voters approved an annual Grand Encampment per capita for Grand Commanderies of **\$9.00** effective **October 1, 2007**.

Lawrence E. Tucker, Grand Recorder

The Eminent Recorder of Waco Commandery No. 10, Waco, Texas, would like you to know that the Commandery has now opened a mini-museum. Items on display include: items from the Civil War and World War II, the newspaper from the day President and Brother Franklin Roosevelt died, as well as the paper at the time President Kennedy was killed. These are only a few of the items on display.

For more information, contact: David Mercer, Recorder; Waco Commandery No. 10; P.O. Box 23474; Waco; TX 76702-3474; e-mail: dmerc14@netzero.com

For Sale: Memorabilia from the 63rd Triennial Conclave

We have extra belt buckles and lamps from the 63rd Triennial Conclave. The buckles are western style; they were sold during the past three years. We will mail them to you for \$30 each, postage paid.

The lamps are the Lone Star style lamp and were the gift at the banquet. They are \$25 each, postage paid.

Send your orders to: Attn: K. B. Fischer, 63rd Triennial, P.O. Box 263430, Houston, TX 77207-3430.

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP JEWEL

CORRECTION

542. Leland Aubrey Haynes, Chester Commandery No. 7,
Chester, SC. 12-15-2005. (2 bronze clusters)

NEW RECIPIENTS

562. Vaughn F. Shafer, Kanawha Commandery No. 4,
Charleston, WV. 4-10-2006. (jewel and 1 bronze cluster)
563. Thomas H. Underwood, Kanawha Commandery No. 4,
Charleston, WV. 4-10-2006. (4th bronze cluster)



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The 39th Annual Voluntary Campaign— **It's Still the Golden Anniversary of the KTEF!**

A Message from Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, GCT
Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Past President of the Knights
Templar Eye Foundation, and Trustee of the Board of the KTEF

The Voluntary Campaign is not just intended to get the Sir Knights to dig into their pockets and give to the Eye Foundation. It is intended that the Sir Knights and the Commanderies **get out in the public and tell our story, to get the public to support our charity.** Please get copies of our new brochure to use in communicating with the public. They are available from the KTEF office.

The KTEF is a 501-C3 charity, and all contributions are tax deductible.



There are many ways by which we can publicize our charity and raise funds outside our Commanderies. We can do it as individuals, or we can raise the funds as a Commandery or group. This past weekend was "Benefit Day" for

the Shrine here in Houston. I'm sure that you have seen the Shriners in your area out with their fezzes, collecting for the hospitals. We could do that or something similar. If you think that the public does not know who wears the chapeau, you need to check it out!

Some Commanderies ask for donations when they send out their dues notices. That only goes to the members. But it is effective, and the money is given on behalf of the Commandery.

Some Commanderies raise money by holding pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, fish fries, etc., and they may raise several hundred dollars.

The individual Sir Knight can raise funds by several means. He can solicit donations from his banker, grocer, employer, etc. Some employers have matching funds, which can result in twice the money given by the Sir Knight.

More significant funds can be raised by holding a golf tournament. Yes, it takes the work of several people to make it work well, but it is well worth it.

Whatever method you choose, please make the effort for the KTEF. It will be well worth your effort. Remember, let the public know what we are doing and I believe that they will contribute.

Thanks!

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Kenneth B. Fischer

Past Grand Master and Past President

Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer resides at 5138 Shady Oaks, Friendswood, TX 77546.

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Every KTEF volunteer listed below helped spread the word about the
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KTEF 2006 Volunteers were very creative.

Some volunteers distributed SEP material or spoke at:

Law Enforcement Agencies

Hospitals

Senior Centers, Libraries and

Local Convenience Stores.

Thank you very much!

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INCOMPARABLE BROTHER BENJAMIN FRANKLIN by Paul C. Rodenhauer

To describe Benjamin Franklin is to describe a genius, a man who excelled as a journalist, scientist, author, an inventor; a civic leader, administrator, politician, diplomat, statesman, philosopher, a wit and a Mason. He was also a genial man of the world who apparently cut a few capers occasionally, proving that he was human as well as precocious.

It was Carl Van Doren who called him “a harmonious human multitude” because of Franklin’s all-embracing interests and attainments, his insatiable curiosity about the elements of nature, his understanding of people, his patriotism, his vitality.

Almost completely self-educated, he read the great works of the past as well as the writings of contemporaries. He taught himself a number of languages. His broad and liberal education continued throughout a long and amazingly fruitful life.

Born January 17, 1706, as today’s calendar is reckoned, he was the tenth son and the fifteenth child of Josiah Franklin and his wife of Boston. After a brief schooling he joined his half brother James to learn the printing trade. James published the *New England Courant*—until it was suppressed because of its audacious attacks on the clergy and its radical and “liberal” treatment of a wide range of subjects. Benjamin, although possessing a high opinion about his own contributions to the paper, discovered that an “overly liberal” youngster received nothing but the condemnation of the town’s most influential citizens.

At 17 he took off for Philadelphia. One introduction to an edited edition of Franklin’s *Autobiography* summarizes the next few years as follows: “He pursued his trade of printer. He was befriended by William Keith, Governor of Pennsylvania, who offered to help the young man get started in business.

“Franklin left for England, where he hoped to arrange for the purchase of printing equipment. Arriving in London in 1724, he was soon deserted by Keith, and again turned to printing for a livelihood. His privately printed *Dissertation on Liberty and*

Necessary, Pleasure and Pain (1725) introduced him to leading Deists and other intellectuals in London. A year later he returned to Philadelphia, and by 1730 he had been appointed public printer for Pennsylvania.”

So much has been written about Franklin that it is redundant to say he prospered. He established the first circulation library in the United States; his *Poor Richard’s Almanack* was a spectacular success. At 42 he was able to retire from the trade of printer but continued to advise and back his partner—and to draw profits from the business.

For three and a half decades he devoted himself mostly to politics and diplomacy, to writing, to scientific ventures, to a wide range of inventions, and also to copious correspondence on everything from dust clouds to minute advice to friends and family.

The span of Franklin’s life saw the rise of America from colonialism to independence and national union. During the period from 1706 to 1790, rough provincialism grew to cultural accomplishments. And in almost every facet of this growth, Benjamin Franklin was a central participant. More than one historian has called America’s 18th century “The Age of Franklin.”

It was in his early twenties that recovery from a serious illness is credited with Franklin’s “conversion.” He decided he was going to become a Freemason. Although he took pains to let his desire be known, there was no encouraging response. With his own brand of ingenuity, he then published in his *Pennsylvania Gazette* what has been described among other terms as an amusing attack upon the fraternity.

Philadelphia Masons suddenly understood his intentions and wishes. He had won his point and was invited to become a member. It is said that his membership marked the start of a career as a man of “substantial respectability.” Bernard Fay writes that Franklin, having declared to himself and to his God that he was a believer, “then wrote an Act of Adoration in which he praised God for having created the sun and the world, and also for directing our lives into the paths of virtue, by means of his Providence.”

H. L. Haywood, in his *Well-Springs of American Freemasonry*, indicates that there was a Lodge at work in Philadelphia at least as early as 1729. Some writers designate a date two years earlier. In 1734 Franklin reprinted and distributed the 1723 original edition of *Anderson's Constitutions*.

A Grand Lodge had been organized in Philadelphia in 1731 with William Allen as Grand Master. Franklin was Grand Master in 1734, again in 1749. The account of Freemasonry in Pennsylvania is a unique story of itself. Modern Masonry, "as exemplified by the first Provincial Grand Lodge," began to fade and was supplanted by the "more vigorous Masonry...more aggressive, more spirited...which called itself York Masonry, or Antient Masonry..."

From 1761, when these York Lodges were granted their own Grand Lodge, all Masonry in Pennsylvania was Antient Masonry. It is so until this day—the Union of 1813 notwithstanding.

Franklin's varied range of interests was phenomenal. His experiments with electricity alone would have inscribed his name in history. For almost fifty years before his experiments, men had been suggesting that there was an identity between lightning and the electric spark but none had been able to prove it. Franklin not only made an actual demonstration but was also able to explain lightning in rational and logical terms, not as a supernatural manifestation.

Brother Franklin also was an early meteorologist. During an eclipse of the moon, observers in Philadelphia were able to see only the beginning because of clouds from the northeast. Days later he noticed in a Boston newspaper that the sky there had been cloudy, even though Boston was north-east of Philadelphia. He sent for newspapers from cities in the path of the eclipse and found that the storm had been from the southwest to northeast, even though the wind had been blowing from the northeast. He is credited with being the first to notice this prevailing weather pattern and to offer an explanation of air mass circulation. The concepts of high and low pressure in the atmosphere originated with him.

He was a physicist, proving that the boiling point of water depended upon atmospheric pressure. He was an athlete—even though many of his likenesses were painted in later years and showed him after

his muscularity had become portliness and his brown hair had gone to baldness.

He was a diplomat in every way, a charmer with the ladies, a master of adaptability with every type of person. Despite the continuing identification in the minds of generations with *Poor Richard* and the occasional sanctimonious expressiveness in his *Autobiography*, Franklin was a dashing, gay, disarming and witty individual. With it, he was a giant of intellectual vigor.

Franklin, both as a Mason and a man, was real—a genuine person—with weakness and indulgences possessed by many others. A bit of vanity and forgetfulness shows up in the *Autobiography*, but there can never be a doubt that he was a great man, one of the most inspirational and influential of the Founding Fathers.

Beginning with the Stamp Act in 1765, he became in London the leading American spokesman for constitutional legislation. He left London a month before Concord and Lexington, was chosen a delegate to the second Continental Congress, became a member of the committee to draft a Declaration of Independence. He was sent to France to negotiate an alliance, staying on as Minister afterward to serve in peace arrangements with George III.

Back in America in 1785, Franklin was chosen President of the Executive Council of Pennsylvania, then a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1787. Released finally from public duty in 1788 at the age of 82, he devoted himself to his *Autobiography*, to correspondence, and to the development of his scientific interests. He died at 84 on the 17th day of April, 1790.

His epitaph, his own composition, reads:

**The body
of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
Printer,
(Like the cover of an old book,
Its contents torn out,
And stript of its lettering and gilding,)
Lies here, food for worms.
Yet the work itself shall not be lost,
For it will, as he believed, appear once more,
In a new
And more beautiful edition,
Corrected and amended
By
The Author**

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KTEF AWARDS \$30,000 RESEARCH GRANT TO PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLIST IN MISSOURI



Dr. Susan M. Culican, M.D., Ph.D., of the Washington University School of Medicine of St. Louis, Missouri, has been awarded a Pediatric Ophthalmology Research Grant in the amount of \$30,000 for the study entitled "Cellular Correlates of Monocular Segregation During Inter-ocular Competition."

Doctor Culican will treat children with various ophthalmic problems including strabismus and amblyopia, and she has begun studying the developmental rearrangement of retinogeniculate projections that lead to eye specific segregation in the mature thalamus. Michael A. Kass, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, says of Dr. Culican: "Doctor Culican is an extraordinarily talented individual who is committed to a career as a clinician scientist...I am confident she will become a leader in the field of developmental biology of the visual system."

In the picture Dr. Culican (left) is congratulated after the presentation of her grant by Sir Knight Billy J. Boyer, P.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Missouri and Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS OF NORTHEASTERN DEPARTMENT, SOUTH, PRESENT RESEARCH GRANTS FOR KTEF



August 2006 Maryland's P.G.C. James Coker, V.E.D.G.C. Patrick Curtis, and Grand Commander John A. Rafine met R.E. Department Commander Ed Carpenter, Northeastern, South, and Sir Knight James Wigglesworth, Chairman Virginia, Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee, at Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins to present three grants totaling \$90,000.

Grand Commander Rafine writes: "The Wilmer Eye Institute has been awarded the Best Overall Program award for Ophthalmology for a 10th consecutive year. It also received the honors for the best clinical and best research program. Maryland's Sir Knights and all others should take pride as your donations help make this possible."

Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Oregon Present Eye Foundation Grant for 2006



Late summer 2006 Oregon Knights Templar, represented by Grand Commander Daniel E. Crockett and other Sir Knights, presented a check for \$25,000 to Dr. Peter J. Francis to further his research on "Gene Therapy for Bardet Biedl Syndrome." BBS is an inherited, untreatable condition characterized by severe degeneration of the retina of the eye, obesity, and extra fingers or toes. Although patients may see normally at birth, blindness by the teen years is usual. When Dr. Francis' research is

complete, he and the Oregon Health Sciences University's Casey Eye Foundation will receive an additional \$5,000. Above, left to right: Sir Knight Dan Crockett, Grand Commander of Oregon; Dr. Peter J. Francis; and Sir Knight Jerry Thompson, Oregon Chairman for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. At right, left to right: Sir Knight William Adams; Sir Knight Lawrence Weaver; Sir Knight Danial Crockett, G.C., Oregon; Dr. Peter Francis; Sir Knight Jimmie Wolfenbarger; Sir Knight Eldon Wright; and Sir Knight Jerry Thompson, Oregon Chairman for the KTEF.



Sir Knight and Deputy of Scottish Rite in Michigan Presides at Knighting of Detroit Commandery No. 1



Past Grand Commander of Michigan, Sir Knight Erwin W. O'Dell, 33°, writes: "Enclosed is a photo taken following a Knighting in Detroit Commandery No. 1 on April 3, 2006. I thought it was interesting that I, as Deputy for Scottish Rite in Michigan, was invited to preside over the Knighting this past spring. I had long knight templar

desired to have the opportunity to do that and it was a most enjoyable occasion... It is a case of fine cooperation between the Rites.”

Sir Knights in the picture from left to right are: Gilbert A. Rice, 33°, P.G.C.; Russell P. Livermore, 33°, P.G.C. and Past Department Commander of the Grand Encampment; Erwin W. O'Dell, 33°, P.G.C., and A.A.S.R. Active Member and Deputy for Michigan; Donald Douglas, the new Sir Knight; and Emmett W. Mills, 32° and then Deputy Grand Commander for Michigan, who arranged the event.

Fourth of July Celebration Held by Grice No. 16, Norfolk, Virginia

Grice Commandery No. 16, Norfolk, Virginia, held a Thirteen-fold Flag Ceremony at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on the morning of July 4. Grice has been given this opportunity for five years, and Emmanuel has welcomed Grice with open arms. The regular communion service was built around the ceremony with appropriate patriotic readings and music. It's a banner “red, white, and blue” event that is the highlight of the summer season. The main comment given the first time the flag-fold was given was “awesome.”

The ceremony has grown from year to year. A full breakfast is provided, and this year there were about one hundred ten in attendance, and at the service following there were about one hundred twenty-five attending. The choir practiced for several weeks to provide fantastic music appropriate for a glorious 4th of July celebration.



Grice participants included: Sir Knights F. Michael McGrath, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia; Phillip E. Maybery, E. Grand Senior Warden; Jackie L. Harrison, P.C. of Grice; Wallace E. Maybery, Generalissimo; I. John Geary, Standard Bearer; and Fred Dixon, Sword Bearer.

IN MEMORIAM



Rolland Verne “Doc” Watson
Arizona
Grand Commander—1988
Born: October 24, 1927
Died: August 23, 2006

Leighton Alfred Drown
New Hampshire
Grand Commander—1983
Born: October 2, 1924
Died: September 20, 2006

Donald Kent Berkley
Kentucky
Grand Commander—1975
Editor, Kentucky Supplement
Born: May 1, 1938
Died: October 1, 2006

Part II—Ben Franklin: Vetting A Renaissance Man

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

Eventually, a great diplomatic victory was achieved when Ben concluded an agreement in 1760 to allow taxation of Penn proprietary land, except unsurveyed acreage. He lingered in London for two more years, basking in the luxury of an enjoyable social life and seeing his son William admitted to the English bar as a lawyer in 1761. A manifestation of Ben's political influence resulted in William being appointed Royal Governor of the New Jersey Colony. The new and youthful King George III was kindly disposed toward Benjamin Franklin, regarding him as a loyal and influential supporter of the crown in the colonies. Ben was loathe to leave England. He would have preferred to stay there always. Everyone was happy but the Penn family heirs.

William Franklin fathered an illegitimate son in 1760. Ben, as the grandfather, assumed responsibility for care and support of the child named William Temple Franklin. In late 1762 William married Elizabeth Downes, the daughter of a wealthy Barbados planter and a fitting spouse for a new governor of New Jersey.

Ben sailed for America on August 23, 1762, his mission in England a resounding success. Arriving in Philadelphia, he found he remained the most admired and popular man in the colonies. He had been continuously reelected to the Pennsylvania Assembly during his five-year absence, a glowing tribute to their esteem for Ben as an honored public figure. Ben found Deborah, Sally, and his entire household delighted to have him home again. William had



William Franklin

Artwork by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett

returned at the same time to assume his gubernatorial duties in New Jersey's luxurious governor's mansion. The infant, William Temple Franklin, remained behind in London under the care of Ben's close friend, William Strahan of Charing Cross.

Still the Postmaster General of the colonies and a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, Ben assumed duties which represented a heavy work load. Although 1763 began well, problems arose rapidly. The British government ordered all colonization to cease beyond the eastern seaboard, in order that it incur no further expense in defending the colonies. The ruling created great anger in the frontier settlements. They feared increased Indian depredations without adequate military defense. The hotbed of resentment was in Paxton Township, where a mob gathered, bent on marching into Philadelphia to kill 140 Christian

Indians living there. The Governor turned to Franklin to handle the emergency. Ben rallied a militia troop, along with a battery of artillery, to turn back a mob of 300 without bloodshed.

Franklin continued his fight to persuade the British government to void all Penn proprietary rights in Pennsylvania and permit the colony to function under the same system as the other colonies. Resentment from the wealthy class, Quakers, and would-be frontier settlers cost Franklin reelection to the Assembly in 1764. However, the Assembly voted to send Franklin back to England to lay their problems before Parliament in person. It was a bad time for Ben. Deborah had suffered a severe stroke that year and was severely impaired with a partial loss of memory. She required constant care. In addition, Britain had imposed a heavy stamp tax on the colonies to increase colonial reimbursement for the cost of the French and Indian War. The colonists were up in arms over the tax. Franklin would also have that issue to argue with Parliament when he arrived in London.

Ben sailed for England in November 1764, with the rousing best wishes of many admiring citizens. Nobody realized he would not return for ten years, and by that time the preliminary shots of the Revolutionary War would have been fired. The stamp tax went into effect in March 1765, levied upon every article in the colonies made from paper. The colonists had evaded the burden of an earlier sugar tax by simply encouraging smuggling from the Caribbean Islands. There was no relief from the stamp tax.

The arguments Franklin presented on the floor of Parliament were so persuasive that the stamp tax was repealed in February 1766. The American colonies were jubilant at

the news, and Franklin's critics were silenced. In 1766 Ben was appointed to represent the colonies of Georgia, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. As the representative of Pennsylvania, in addition to the others named, Ben remained the most prestigious colonial voice in England. However, the colonies and England were irrevocably moving toward a state of war.

Ben enjoyed the social activity in London, as he always had, but it was tempered by sobering personal news from home. Deborah had fallen into deep depression over her failed health, and daughter Sally married in 1767. Her marital status might affect her role as the head of Franklin's household in Philadelphia. In addition, the repeal of the stamp tax proved a brief respite. In 1767 Parliament enacted the Townsend Acts, which proved more oppressive than the stamp tax. Political sympathies in the colonies split into two factions, the loyalists (Tories) and the patriots.

On March 5, 1770, a mob calling themselves "The Sons of Liberty" attacked British soldiers guarding Boston's custom house. The panicky soldiers fired into the crowd, killing five colonists and wounding several more. The colonial radicals called the incident the "Boston Massacre." An alarmed Parliament in London repealed all taxes except a tax on tea. That calmed the storm for some three years.

In 1774 the renowned Boston Tea Party signaled renewed strife in the colonies. A party of disguised colonists boarded a ship in the harbor and dumped the cargo of tea overboard. It was widely believed the culprits were members of a local Masonic lodge. Ben was, by that point in time, totally out of favor in Parliament. He was severely castigated on the floor of

Parliament and removed as Postmaster General of the colonies. It was a humiliating and degrading experience for Franklin, particularly when the British government attempted to collect evidence to try him for treason against the crown. After a lifetime of fervent support for the English crown, Ben was transformed into an impassioned patriot at age 68, dedicated to freedom for the colonists. Ben and his son William became increasingly estranged. William remained a steadfast loyalist in his role as governor of New Jersey.

In September 1774, 56 delegates assembled at Philadelphia to demonstrate their unified stand against Britain. They enacted the Declaration of Rights at the first meeting of the Continental Congress. No longer did the colonies intend to abide by English law. On December 19, 1774, Deborah Franklin expired "without a sound." Ben received the news in London in February 1775. With all hope of successful negotiation gone, Ben sailed for home in March. He arrived in Philadelphia on May 5, 1775, with a written account of his activity in England. Immediately, the Pennsylvania Assembly requested Ben to represent the colony on May 10, 1775, at the opening session of the Continental Congress. Ben still hoped to avert war with England.

The Continental Congress appointed George Washington as Commander of the Continental Army on June 15, 1775. On June 17 the Battle of Bunker Hill marked the beginning of hostilities. While the beleaguered colonial army struggled through the early reversals of the war, Franklin was assigned to the committee procuring material to supply Washington's army and to recruit a complement of



Sarah Franklin Bache

Artwork by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett

20,000 enlistments for one year. After the first months of hostilities passed, it was painfully evident that the colonists must have some outside assistance to conduct the war successfully. It was decided that Ben must go to France to enlist their aid. On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was passed, fulfilling one of the French prerequisites to securing their assistance.

A worn and weary Benjamin Franklin boarded the *Reprisal* on October 26, 1776. He took William Temple Franklin and Sally's son, Benjamin Franklin Bache, along on the stormy voyage. They landed in France on December 3, with Ben so overwhelmed by constant seasickness that he was borne off the ship on a litter. Along the road to Paris, great throngs cheered the American diplomat, whom they called "Bonhomme Richard," the French translation of

"Poor Richard," referring to Ben's famous almanac character. Ben Franklin was regarded in France as the world's leading statesman, literary figure, and scientist.

Franklin was feted as a great hero during his nine-year stay in France as a colonial ambassador. He was provided a luxurious home and enjoyed every amenity accorded a beloved and honored diplomat. Ben's leisure time was a delightful experience, even at age 71. He reveled in the company of beautiful ladies, all of whom he enchanted with his genial personality and charm. Ben was truly an outstanding raconteur, noted for his witty stories in every social setting. Ben also remained busy and productive as always. He was constantly in the company of powerful political figures and members of the wealthiest gentry, but he was always projecting the aura of a common man. Ben was a paragon of negotiating skill, pressing his arguments without offense or rancor but with consummate effectiveness.

When news reached Paris of the great colonial victory at the Battle of Saratoga on October 17, 1777, Ben sprang into renewed action. Sensing that the victory marked the turning point of the war, he quickly concluded an alliance with France, making them a committed ally of the American colonies. The Continental Congress ratified the treaty in May 1778 and elected Ben Minister to France with all the formal credentials.

By 1778 Ben's health began to deteriorate substantially. He suffered from occasional attacks of gout and kept detailed notes on his symptoms and the infirmities of advancing age. Nevertheless, he maintained his busy diplomatic schedule and continued to urge France to send troops and addi-

tional help to America. During 1780, 5,000 French troops under General Rochambeau arrived, followed in 1781 by a powerful naval fleet under Admiral de Grasse. The French naval blockade at Yorktown, Virginia, became one of the major factors forcing British General Charles Cornwallis to surrender to the Continental Army on October 19, 1781. Armed conflict in the Revolutionary War was over. Ben's continuing diplomatic efforts in France were essential in forging a successful surrender document. It was signed on September 3, 1783. Ben, along with John Jay and John Adams, comprised the Peace Commission concluding the treaty in Paris.

At age 77 Ben requested to be relieved and returned home to America. His request was not granted until May 1785. By that time Franklin was too ill to walk and was carried to the port on one of the king's litters. Flowers were thrown in the path of the mules bearing Franklin's litter, and the enthusiastic throng frequently forced the procession to a halt while they shouted their affectionate farewells. Ben Franklin, their beloved "Bonhomme Richard" was going home. He arrived in Philadelphia on September 14, 1785, to an artillery salute, pealing church bells, and an exuberant horde of welcomers.

Immediately upon his arrival, Ben was made President of Pennsylvania's Supreme Council (equivalent to a state governor today). The honor was not desired, but Franklin felt honor-bound to accept. He yearned to be done with public duties. Ben went into residence in a home he had built behind Market Street in Philadelphia. His daughter, Sally Bache, resided with Ben, along with her three children. Ben's son

William was living in exile in England and never reconciled with his father.

Ben added two bedrooms and a spacious library to his home to accommodate his huge collection of books. He had the most expansive library in America with 4,000 volumes. Confined to his bed much of the time by 1786, he continued to entertain many friends and visitors in his home. Ben felt great concern about the fledgling government. The "Articles of Confederation" were defective and not working well. In order to address the escalating problems, a constitutional convention was called at Philadelphia in May 1787. At 82 years of age, Ben was the oldest delegate, one of 55 who attended and the person selected to chair the convention.

The convention was in session four months that summer. The presence of Ben Franklin and George Washington lent great stability to the proceedings, assuring all present that the results would be effective. There were many differences to address among the delegates, none more pressing than the question of slavery. The delegates struck a compromise. Slavery was permitted in the south, but forbidden north of the Ohio River. Two-thirds of the slaves would be counted in calculating the legal number of congressional representatives permitted from each state. The constitutional text was completed on September 17, 1787, and ratified on March 4, 1789. From the beginning Franklin had been one of the major architects of the successful venture.

At the end of 1787, Franklin suffered a serious fall, which aggravated a chronic kidney ailment. Bedfast, Ben continued to draft letters and essays for publication, in spite of his frail condition. His last political act was performed in February 1790,

when he signed an antislavery proclamation to the first Congress, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Abolition Society.

Ben spent his final year in bed, enduring constant pain from kidney stones. He was administered opium regularly to relieve his suffering, and he wasted away to a mere skeleton. With appetite gone, he continuously refused nourishment. Near the end he developed a fever and lapsed into a comatose state. At 11:00 P.M. on April 17, 1790, Benjamin Franklin breathed his last. At age 84 years and three months, one of the foremost patriots of the United States of America was summoned to his long home.

Ben was interred in the Christ Church Burial Ground in Philadelphia beside his faithful Deborah. An estimated 20,000 mourners gathered at the grave site to bid farewell. A simple monument bore the cryptic legend, "Benjamin and Deborah Franklin, 1790." His earlier self-composed epitaph stated: "The body of B. Franklin lies here, food for worms. But the work shall not be lost; for it will appear once more, in a new and more elegant edition, revised and corrected by the Author."

It is nearly impossible to capsulize the life and career of Benjamin Franklin. He may have possessed the most brilliant intellect of his day, and his accomplishments in a broad variety of endeavors are eloquent testimony to the scope of his talents. In Masonic circles he was an eminent and active Brother, in spite of overwhelming demands from a secular world of politics, community service, literary obligations, and the scientific community. Franklin served as Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1734 and as Provincial Grand Master of the colonies in 1749. In 1734 he printed the first copy of

Anderson's Constitutions in America. In 1778 Franklin assisted at the initiation of Voltaire, the immortal French author and philosopher, and officiated at his funeral in November, the same year. Ben served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Nine Sisters in Paris in 1779 and 1780. The few activities noted com-

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The thrust of this profile is not to review Franklin's career in minute detail but to recount some of the incidents in his private life which verify that Ben Franklin was not a lamb without blemish. None of us is without flaws; however, those usually do not diminish one's ability to accomplish great deeds; provided the talent, determination, and opportunity exist. The opportunity existed for Ben Franklin, and he was endowed with those prerequisites in full measure—to overflowing.

Ours is not the right to judge any man. That is reserved for the Supreme

Architect. Unfortunately, the Bible admonishment, “Let he among you without sin throw the first stone” has no place in the lexicon of modern society. In Masonry we are admonished to cast the cloak of charity about the faults and foibles of a Brother. Inasmuch as Ben Franklin broke no temporal law, should judgment of his moral character be left to civil authority or to the “Author” he indicated in his own epitaph? What say you?

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Tennessee Commandery Sells Lapel Pins To Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



This year at the 145th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee, Manchester Commandery No. 40 presented a donation of \$6,688 for the 38th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the KTEF. 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.

Sale of Blue Lodge Afghan-Throw to Benefit the KTEF

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

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



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 True Masonic Stein to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The stein body, 7 and 1/2 inches tall, is white ceramic. It contains a pewter lid with the Holy Bible on top. It has a fancy thumb lift. On the body is a Masonic altar with the verse of Matthew 7:7 between the pillars, and on one side there is a poem, "A True Mason," and on the other side is a very colorful Masonic picture of the early days of Masonic heritage. Also, there are two gold bands. The price of the stein, including shipping and insurance, is \$55.00. **A \$10.00 donation from the sale of each stein will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.** There is a limited supply of the steins, so 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.



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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 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: a unique jewel just minted to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Damascus Commandery No. 1 in Minnesota. The front has colored cross and crown symbol. The reverse has the two knights on horse and commemorates Damascus Commandery's Allan Kauppi, who was elected Grand Commander during our 150th year. This jewel was struck by Roulette Company in Ohio. Proceeds support the Commandery. See photos at mnyorkrite1.org Jewel is \$35; first class postage is \$2 for first jewel; add \$1 for each additional. Orders to Bob Edwards, Recorder; 2107 Stark Road; Harris; MN 55032.

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

■ For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, pairs, finest quality available, all ranks, embroidered in extra fancy real 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.

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

■ 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: York Rite cap with six-color embroidery showing Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery emblems. Specify white or dark blue cap. \$11.00 each plus \$1.00 postage. Also: gold color Knights Templar lapel pin, \$4.00. Part of each sale goes to the York Rite charities. Robert Haupt, P.O. Box 433, Farmington, NM 87499.

■ 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

■ Fund-raiser for Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association, District 82, Grand Lodge of Texas: copper horseshoe with square and compass on a lapel pin for \$5.00 each, postpaid. **10% of proceeds to KTEF.** Checks payable to *M W & S Assoc., Dist. 82* and send to *Neel A. Wright, 1211 E. 43rd, Odessa, TX 79762, (432) 366-3806.*

■ 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* Inquiries to: *wdmower@verizon.net* or *Wayne D. Mower, 19 Ruby Drive, Claymont, DE 19703-1420, (302) 798-3828.* Check payable to *Grand Lodge of Delaware*, and send to *818 Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801-3077.*

■ Centralia Masonic Lodge No. 201 is celebrating their 150th anniversary October 15, 2006. They have a coin struck to commemorate this event and are selling them for \$10.00 plus \$3.50 shipping. Contact *V. Ray Landers, Secretary; Drawer J.; Centralia; IL 62801.*

■ **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* **Proceeds to benefit the 2008 Bicentennial Fund.**

■ Fund-raiser: Lodge auto tags with blue vinyl letters on white, 6 x12-inch aluminum, include lodge name and number, square and compass, F & AM (AF & AM, AAFM, etc.), city and state: **\$8.00 each—minimum order of 5. One free tag with every 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*

■ 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-charity217@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 tail-lights, 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.*

■ *Traveling East—Selected Essays from Tennessee Lodge of Research, F. & A.M. Annual Proceedings 1985-2005*, bound volume, 637 pages, is available for \$58.00 (\$33.50 for TN Lodge of Research members). Send check or money order to *Tennessee Lodge of Research; C/O George Ladd, Secretary; 4521 Turkey Creek Road; Williamsport; TN 38487-2123.*

■ **Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies** by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 35 years and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. **Especially needed are Iowa, Michigan, Hawaii, and Alaska pennies.** *Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705, (520) 888-7585.*

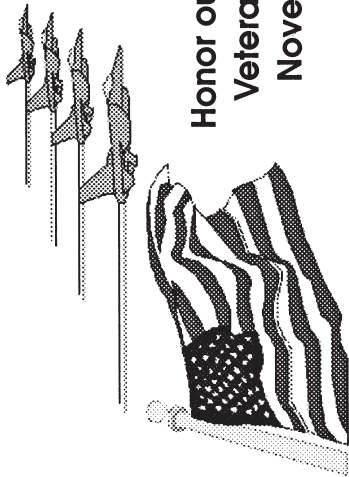
■ Planning a Rusty Nail Degree? We have pins and certificates available at \$35.00 per unit. (A unit consists of 5 pins and 5 certificates, S & H included.) Please include your lodge name and number with your order if you wish to have them printed on your certificates. Make check out to *Tom A. Stevens, 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 *Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., P.O. Box 9759, 3011 Old Dumbarton Rd., Richmond, VA 23228-0759, (804) 262-6551.* The price is \$16.95 plus S & H. **Author's portion of profits donated to KTEF.**

■ For sale: custom banners, beauecants, bridge banners, veils, etc., made for all bodies of Masonry. Embroidered or bullion. If you have a picture, sketch, or drawing; we will make it. To see the quality of my work, visit my web site *lodgeaprons.com* Your satisfaction guaranteed, reasonable prices, and a **donation made to KTEF.** *Jack Faubion, KYCH; 5003 Leeshire Way; Tucker; GA 30084; (770) 723-9665.*

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