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*Happy
New Year-2007*

Grand Master's Message for December 2006

Christmas! No word or phrase conjures up fond memories and warm feelings more than the mere mention of the word "Christmas"! As children, we counted the days as soon as the weather turned cool. As young adults, we enjoyed the Christmas season through the eyes of our children, watching their excitement build. As we grew older, we saw the holiday a bit differently by seeing the excitement of our children interacting with our grandchildren.



The Order of the Temple teaches us the lesson of immortality, by means of telling the story of the last days of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recounted in the New Testament. Thus Easter is very special to our order. But Christmas is the beginning of the Easter story. As we retell the Christmas story of Jesus' birth in a Bethlehem stable, it naturally brings to mind the promise of children, the exuberance our own children and grandchildren display, and the zeal they have during this season. Simply put, it is the renewing of life, generation after generation.

As we revisit the Greatest Story Ever Told, during Christmas, let us also attempt to see the world through the eyes of a child—pure, clean, and unspoiled. Children see the world through clear and bright eyes, as a new, clean page upon which to write history with a new and fresh opportunity to make a difference. Children are truly a "Gift from God"; they bring us the rare gift of **hope for a better world.**

As Grand Master, I wish for you and all those you love a most joyous and merry Christmas!

Joy to the World

Fraternally,

Richard B. Baldwin
Grand Master, GCT

Knight Templar

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

DECEMBER: This month we celebrate the joyous birth of our Savior with Christmas tidings and best wishes from the chairman of the Committee on Religious Activities, from Grand Master Baldwin and other officers, and from the membership. It is Templary's highest award, and those who received the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for the year 2006 are listed on pages 5 and 6. Congratulations to you all! This is the season for giving, so note all the important information on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on pages 10–14. Especially note a new **online shopping mall that will benefit this great charity**. Read all about it on page 10, and make your shopping easier for Christmas and for the future. We hope your holidays will be happy and memorable. We hope peace and harmony will prevail for you, your families, and your Commanderies in the year ahead.

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● **Contacts for all Masonic organizations** listed in our January 2006 issue should have the form for our next listing in January 2007. Please respond immediately as the magazine goes to the printer about December 10, 2006. If your organization has a new contact, please inform him/her of this. We would rather not leave any organization out!

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A Knight Templar magazine Index, including all previous indexes and covering the years, 1969–1999, is now available at a

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Templary's highest award . . .

Our Cross of Honor

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for the year 2006. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected fifty-three Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

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Dennis Alan Peterson, Huntsville No. 7

Alaska

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Anchorage No. 2

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Robert W. Bates, Cyrene No. 7

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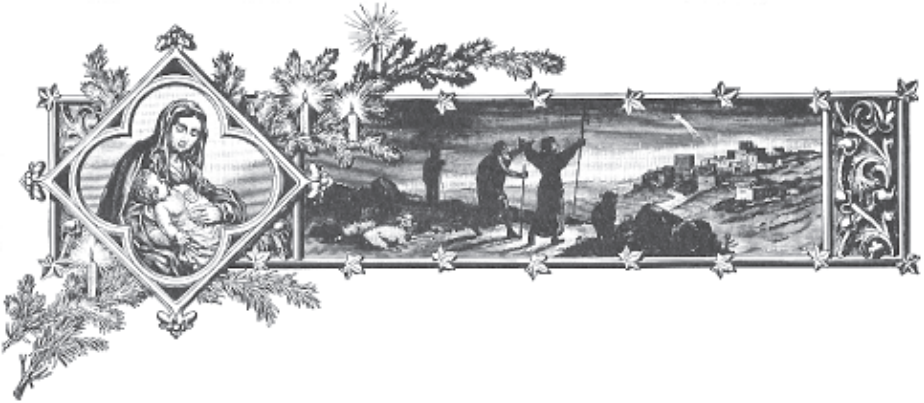
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Christmas Message—2006

**by Sir Knight and Reverend William D. Hartman, KCT
R.E.G.C. of Pennsylvania, and Chairman of the
Grand Encampment Committee on Religious Activities**

“And the Word became flesh...”

Our familiar Christmas stories come only from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Mark’s Gospel begins with Jesus’ ministry, and John—seemingly—has no “Christmas story” at all. But John is the theologian’s theologian and captures the whole range of Greek philosophy and Hebrew theology in his first chapter. John goes beyond the mere recounting of historical fact and sums up the depth of meaning in the birth of Christ as historical narrative cannot, carefully taking us back to the beginning of time to show us how Jesus is the fulfillment of all creation.

Do you remember how the very first book of the Bible begins? “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters, and God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” John begins his Gospel the same way by careful design. “In the beginning was the Word (‘God SAID’), and the Word was with (a part of) God, and the Word was God” (the unity of the Godhead as we Christians believe). John goes on to tell us how the Light was coming into the world (this is John’s “take” on Christmas). The Star the Wise Men saw was, for John, a prefigurement of THE LIGHT. Jesus would later refer to himself as the Light of the world.

But, for me, there are no more profound words than verse 14. For, by now, we come to understand that Jesus is the creative and sustaining Word of God. “All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that has been made.” “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” In these words John has captured the paradoxical nature of the Incarnation and revealed God’s immeasurable love for us.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, in his *Life of Christ*, said all this so well:

"Bethlehem represents the link between heaven and earth; for holy God and sinful man met here and looked each other in the face. Now we need not hide from God as Adam did, for the human and the divine had become one, and God [now looks] at us through his sinless Son. By God reaching down to our frail nature and lifting it to union with himself, human nature became dignified...For if God were to redeem us sinners, if God were to gather God's people together with God, then God must do it as a human. Only by travailing in this vale of tears could God overcome sin and death for us, and give us the inheritance of eternal life. And so He, whom the angels call the 'Son of the Most High,' descended into the red dust from which we are all born, to be one with weak, fallen humans in all things, except sin.

"On a cold night, in a cold, wind-swept cave, under the floor of the earth, the child Jesus was born; Salvation was created; God became human, the Word became flesh. It was the first time in history that anyone could ever think of heaven as being anywhere else than 'somewhere up there.' When she held the child Jesus in her arms, Mary looked down to heaven.

"In the filthiest place in the world, a stable, Purity was born. He, who was later to be slaughtered by men acting as beasts, was born among beasts. He, who would call himself the 'living Bread come down from heaven' was laid in a manger, literally a place to eat. Centuries before, the Jews had worshipped the golden calf, and the Greeks an ass. Men bowed down before them as before God. The ox and the ass were now present to make their innocent homage, bowing down before their God.

"There was no room for Him in the Inn, but there was room in the stable. The Inn is the gathering place of public opinion, the focal point of the world's moods, the rendezvous of the worldly, the rallying place of the popular and successful. But the stable—the stable is a place for the outcasts, the ignored, the forgotten. The world might have expected the Son of God to be born in the Inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. But then, Divinity is where one least expects to find it.

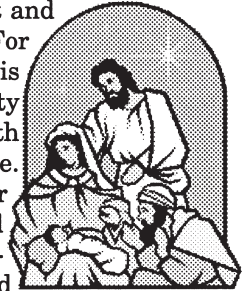
"No worldly mind would ever have suspected that He who could make the sun warm the earth would one day have need of ox and ass to warm him with their breath; that He, who clothed the fields with grass, would Himself be naked; that He, from whose hands came planets and worlds, would one day have tiny arms that were not long enough to touch the heads of the cattle around him; that the feet which trod the everlasting hills would one day be too short and weak to walk; that the Eternal Word would be dumb; that Omnipotence would be wrapped in swaddling cloths; that Salvation would lie in a manger—no one would ever have suspected that God coming to earth would be so helpless. And that is precisely why so many have—and still—miss him. For Divinity is always where one least expects to find it."

John tells us, "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not." For the Creator to come into the world, among the creatures the Creator's hand had fashioned, and not be received by His own; for God to be homeless among his

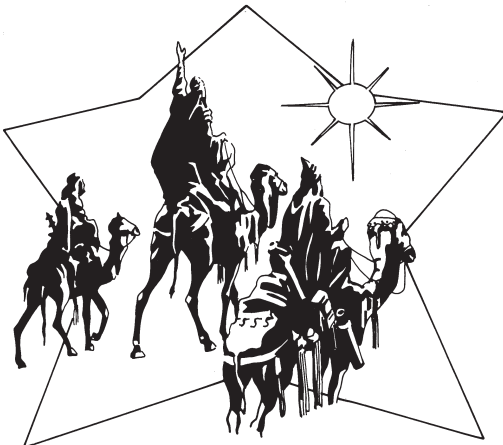
own creation could mean only one thing to the worldly mind: the Babe of Bethlehem could not have been God. And that is why the world misses God; why the world cannot perceive the presence of God. For "Divinity is always where one least expects to find it."

"The Son of God made man was invited to enter his own world through a back door. Exiled from the mainstream of earth, he was born under the earth. But there he shook the earth to its very foundation. Because Jesus was born in a cave under the earth, everyone who would wish to see him must stoop. To stoop is a mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop, and therefore miss Divinity. Those, however, who bend their egos and stoop to enter, find that they are not in a cave at all, but in a new universe where sits a Babe on his mother's lap, with the world poised on his fingers."

Matthew tells us that Wise Men came from the east and inquired, "Where is he who is born King of the Jews?" For truly Jesus was born a King. But his kingdom is not of this world. The kingship of Jesus Christ is based on the royalty of sacrificial love, and on nothing else. He who had his birth at Bethlehem came to be born in the hearts of you and me. The only throne he wants to occupy is the throne of our hearts. His kingdom is immortal because it is founded upon Love. For it is the one aim of Jesus to persuade everyone to respond to the love of God, incarnate in himself, and to enthrone God as king within our hearts and over all the earth. May we pray of him who was born Prince of Peace: "Thy Kingdom Come." AMEN.



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*Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year!*

*from the officers and staff
of the Grand Encampment*

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Shopping Mall

Sound strange? Research shows more and more people are shopping from the comfort of their homes on line. It's quick, it's easy, it's convenient, and most of all, it's a "click" away!

Just recently a link was added to the Grand Encampment website at www.knightstemplar.org that will take you to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation on-line Shopping Mall.



One click puts you into the Mall, and another connects you to more than 50 of your favorite stores on-line. Think of it! Two clicks, and your feet won't feel a thing! Better yet, a percentage of what you spend in these stores will be forwarded monthly to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

It doesn't get any better! You can shop for Christmas without your feet hurting, never leaving your home, and the people with eye disease benefit, through your support of the Eye Foundation.

President
Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Signs of the Season

by Pastor Emeritus and Sir Knight Donald C. Kerr



"Kwashiorkor" is not a word we often hear, nor is it a word we often use. It is a "sign" that someone is suffering from a nutritional disease caused by a lack of protein in the diet. Disease is not a good sign; neither is hunger, nor poverty, nor fear, nor insecurity, and yet those are the signs of our modern world.

There are, however, other signs which can point us in the right direction. Christmas is one of those signs. Hannukah is another, and so are the emblems of Masonry. Those are signs that make for special occasions to celebrate. Christmas speaks of joy and hope and expectation. Hannukah tells of light and deliverance and merriment. Masons use many signs to express trustworthiness, honor, and fidelity.

We associate this season of the year with music, pageantry, and, of course, gifts. Those are the signs that help us to remember God's

overpowering love and care for us. It would be a much more dismal world without the lights, the melodies, and the angel's song.

The poet Browning once expressed his belief that "God's in his heaven; all's right with the world." Some may not see it that way, but if we can, it's, also, a sign that points us to a higher horizon of promise.

Signs are very important. They tell us where we are and where we are going. The Bible has this to say: "This will be a sign unto you: you will find a baby lying in a manger." That is the message of God for the encouragement of all mankind. So the difference this season can make for us is to show on our faces the signs that reflect kindness, generosity, goodwill, and peace.

Greetings of the season to one and all!

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***Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!***
from the staff of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



***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**



December is the month for the celebration of Christmas—lots of parties, too much to eat, and the exchanging of gifts. As a grandparent, I get a lot more out of giving presents than I do in receiving them. Don't get me wrong; I still like surprises—well, most of them! What does this have to do with the Eye Foundation?

We have given the gift of sight to countless people over the years—children and elderly folks alike. This gift, which we associate with the Great Captain of our Salvation, just might be right up there with life itself, for being able to see the faces of our loved ones and the joy of Christmas is truly a blessing that many of us take for granted, but the KTEF recipients are given this gift because of us, and they do not take it for granted.

So in the spirit of Christmas, won't you join in the work of giving someone the gift of sight?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you, and May God Bless You, every one!



Sincerely and Fraternally,
Kenneth B. Fischer
Past Grand Master and Past President, KTEF

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

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 39th Annual Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending November 10, 2006. The total amount contributed to date is \$155,593.99.

Alabama	\$500.00
Alaska	100.00
Arizona	25.00
California	3,338.20
Colorado	110.00
Connecticut	50.00
Delaware	10.00
District of Columbia	220.00
Florida	233.00
Idaho	160.00
Illinois	3,229.08
Indiana	5,265.98
Iowa	1,370.00
Kansas	420.00
Kentucky	4,650.92
Louisiana	870.00
Maine	100.00

Maryland	408.00
Mass./R.I.	380.00
Michigan	650.00
Minnesota	30.00
Mississippi	240.00
Missouri	100.00
Montana	30.00
Nebraska	50.00
New Hampshire	25.00
New Jersey	670.00
New Mexico	1,549.73
New York	530.00
North Carolina	980.00
North Dakota	150.00
Ohio	80,030.00
Oklahoma	100.00
Oregon	438.00
Pennsylvania	7,712.00
South Carolina	1,170.00
South Dakota	255.40
Tennessee	923.47
Texas	4,750.71
Utah	30.00
Vermont	10.00
Virginia	3,290.00

Washington.....	80.70
West Virginia.....	78.30

Wyoming.....	100.00
Miscellaneous.....	30,180.50

Volunteers Needed for EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is proud to celebrate its eleventh anniversary sponsoring EyeCare America's Seniors EyeCare Program. Together, we have preserved sight for thousands of seniors. The number served increases yearly, and as the population ages, more and more seniors will need to access medical eye care.

Last year in honor of the association, KTEF and EyeCare America created a new Sir Knight Volunteer recognition program. The way it works is simple. Any Sir Knight who does one of the following will be recognized in the *Knight Templar* magazine by name and receive a gift from ECA:

- 1) Put up Senior EyeCare Program flyers in your neighborhood listing the SEP helpline,
- 2) Speak at a senior center, church, or library about the Senior EyeCare Program,
- 3) Distribute SEP materials provided by ECA (bookmarks, flyers, brochures).

Volunteers for the year 2006 were recognized in the November 2006 issue of *Knight Templar* magazine on page 15.

To become an official KTEF volunteer, call the ECA administration line toll-free, (877) 887-6327. They will provide the material or talking points. To help you track your activity, ECA will send you a form to return explaining your SEP activity. Now that we have created a new system for tracking Sir Knight volunteers, please call EyeCare America and let them know that you are spreading the word about the Seniors EyeCare Program in your area.

One Sir Knight, Rick Clemes in North Dakota, referred a man named Ron Hogue to the program. Ron was so appreciative of the cataract surgery he received that he took the time to write the following: "You'll never know how much this care was appreciated! Thank you, EyeCare America and Rick Clemes."

You are urged to also share the SEP helpline, 1-800-222-EYES, with anyone you know who is 65 or older. And call ECA's administration line to let them know about your efforts. They will enroll you as official Sir Knight volunteer!

Christmas is here once again, and it is time to remember that there are people all around us who are less fortunate than we are. Giving can be the gift of sight to someone on behalf of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The California Knights Templar are sponsoring the "California Gold" cookbook, yours for a contribution of \$20.00 to the Eye Foundation. Please see our advertisement on page 29 of the magazine. Remember, a gift to the Foundation becomes a gift to keep or a gift to give.

Dan McDaniel, P.G.C.

Use the forms below for 33° Club and Purple Cross Club donations!

**Thirty-third Degree Club
Contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

Donor _____ Personal, 33°: ☐

Address _____ In honor of: ☐

_____ phone () _____

Donor's Commandery No. _____ (for campaign credit)

State _____

Honoree _____ Enclosed: \$33.00 ☐

Other: ☐

Scottish Rite Valley _____

Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____

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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.

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Joseph N. Randall
Kansas
Grand Commander—1994
Born: July 26, 1933
Died: April 14, 2006

Harry N. Scammell
California
Grand Commander—1978
Born: February 2, 1923
Died: August 28, 2006

Halbert Greenleaf Horton, Jr.
Kansas
Honorary Past Grand Commander
Born: December 11, 1918
Died: September 14, 2006

James Eric Allen
Missouri
Honorary Grand Commander—1994
Born: March 24, 1917
Died: October 9, 2006

Harold Henry Bretz, Jr.
Louisiana
Grand Commander—1990
Born: February 13, 1931
Died: October 9, 2006

Lawrence F. Butler
Utah
Grand Commander—1980
Born: August 13, 1914
Died: October 17, 2006

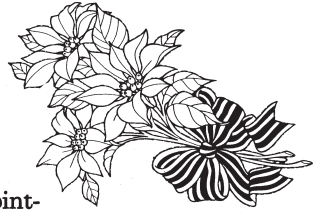
Charles L. "Bud" Turk
Alabama
Eminent Grand Sentinel—2006
Born: February 15, 1925
Died: October 18, 2006

Fred W. McCluskey, Jr.
Alabama
Grand Treasurer Emeritus—2005
Born: January 24, 1926
Died: October 18, 2006

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*God takes the brightest of earth's little candles
To shine on as stars through the night.
Thus, we know our Sir Knight is helping the Master
Though he's slipped from our earthly sight.*

JOEL POINSETT
by James R. Case



Our traditional Christmas greens—the holly, mistletoe and evergreen tree—came to us long ago with Yule-tide customs of England and the European northlands. More recently a colorful importation from Mexico has become a highly popular Christmas decoration.

How many who admire the blazing crimson star of the poinsettia realize it had any connection with a South Carolina native, a flower lover, a modest man of great attainment in several fields—Joel Poinsett—who was a Knight Templar, commended by the Grand Encampment for his services to the Order.

Born at Charleston in 1779 of Huguenot lineage and a father who was a doctor of medicine, he was sent north for education beyond the common school at the Greenfield Hill Academy in Connecticut of which the preceptor was Rev. Timothy Dwight, later president of Yale. On the college level he attended St. Paul's School in London and then the medical school of the University of Edinburgh as his father wished. Being inclined towards the military, of his own volition he transferred to the Military Academy at Woolwich, but, when his father learned of the switch, it was with disapproval and the young man was called home. There he was put to the study of law but that had no appeal. His chief interests were military science and the study of foreign languages.

He was permitted to return to Europe, and there he lived and traveled about for eight years, meeting the VIPs of the times. The death of his father and a sister left him financially independent but alone in the world. He came back to America in 1808 when war threatened and sought a high military appointment but no spot was available. However, his varied training and language facilities recommended

him for appointment as a special envoy to the South American countries then beginning their struggle for independence. In Brazil and Chile he was an advisor on political and military matters and laid the ground work for later commercial relations.

In 1816 Poinsett was back in South Carolina and was elected to the state legislature where he supported a program of internal improvement which included extending the state highway net and dredging navigable rivers. He was then elected to Congress, but during his four years there, 1821-1825, he was a relatively inconspicuous member.

He was named the first American Minister to Mexico in 1825. That country was in political turmoil. He may have become involved unofficially in some of those activities as his recall was requested and reluctantly granted four years later. It was said by some that he had perverted Freemasonry to politics and that made a good excuse whether right or wrong. There was great rivalry among Masonic bodies of the several Rites, as well as among the politicians who were affiliates.

While in Mexico, Poinsett was struck by the profusion of beautiful shrubs growing generally in the open and extensively used for indoor decoration from Christmas until Easter. He brought a quantity of the plants back with him and distributed some to fellow flower lovers. By propagation and selection the plant has been greatly improved, pink and white varieties (etc.) having been developed. The "Mexican fire plant" or "painted leaf" now bears the name of the man who introduced it to the United States.

Upon his return to South Carolina, Poinsett found the state in a ferment of opposition to the tariff act of 1828, with

talk of—and even the threat of—secession. He was among the courageous organizers and leaders of the Unionist party and took part in a conciliatory settlement. In 1833 he married the widow of a long time friend, retiring to his plantation and peaceful enjoyment of life, cultivating his crops through the field hands and cultivating his mind through extensive reading and study.

Called back to public service in 1837 when Van Buren appointed him Secretary of War, he brought his training, industry, enthusiasm, and originality to a job where he was responsible for internal improvements, mineral lands, explorations and surveys, Indian affairs, pensions, land bounties and, incidentally, a small regular army. It was a busy four years of development and accomplishment, during which time his health was not of the best. He pushed exploring parties to the Pacific and had the natural resources of the west surveyed. The Seminole War was followed by removal of 40,000 of the red men across the Mississippi to the Indian Territory, where Poinsett was especially zealous in advocating schools throughout the reservations, but, while that was his policy, it seems performance did not keep up with planning.

He also strengthened the military academy at West Point which turned out a larger number of better trained young officers just in time for the War with Mexico, which, strangely enough, Poinsett opposed. Although educated in and strongly inclined towards the military service, he seems to have most successfully used persuasion, conciliation, and diplomacy rather than force, right to the end of his 72 years. Quitting public service, he had another ten years in garden and study at his plantation home before death claimed him December 12, 1851.

In the midst of all his hustle and bustle, he was able to so divide his time that Masonry often received a goodly portion of his attention. He was a member and Past Master of Solomons Lodge in

Charleston. He served as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina in 1821 but declined advancement. In 1836 he was elected Grand Master but again declined high office in the fraternity. While in Mexico, he had encouraged the introduction of York Rite Masonry, three Lodges being chartered by New York and one by Pennsylvania.

In Royal Arch Masonry he was Grand High Priest in South Carolina, 1821–1823, and introduced the Degrees of the Chapter into Mexico while living there. Elected Deputy General Grand High Priest (in absentia) at the 1829 Triennial, he was reelected in 1832 and 1835. In 1838 he declined further service on account of his health and pressure of his official station. He seems never to have actually been in attendance at the General Grand Chapter, and no notice was taken of his death. When he left office, however, it was with a resolution of thanks for his services.

In Templary he was a member of South Carolina Commandery and, it is assumed, a Past Commander. In 1826 the Grand Encampment approved his application for permission to introduce the Orders into Mexico, but nothing appears to have been done in consequence. At the Grand Encampment held in Washington in 1835, he was elected Grand Captain General, although not in attendance. At the Triennial in Boston three years later, a letter was read from him declining any elective office. That he had been true to his knightly vows and faithful in performance of his duties is indicated by a vote of thanks from the Grand Encampment for services rendered the Order by steadfast adherence thereto during the days of persecution and trial and with regret that paramount public duties did not permit him to continue as an officer.

The hills flame with the fire of God!
Men lift their eyes aghast—
But if their souls are big enough
They hold that glory fast!

On the Masonic Newsfront

Governor G. Mennen Williams' Sword Presented to Detroit Commandery



The Knight Templar sword, which was owned and used by Sir Knight G. Mennen Williams when he was governor of Michigan from 1949–1960, was recently donated to Detroit Commandery No. 1 by Sir Knight Richard Webb, Jr., P.G.C. (1986) of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Michigan, for display among the historical archives of the Commandery. Sir Knight G. Mennen Williams also became a Supreme Court Justice in 1971 and Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court in 1983.

The sword was presented to Richard Webb, Jr., P.G.C., by the family of Sir Knight Williams after the Knights Templar memorial service for the governor, chief justice, and Sir Knight Williams in 1988. Sir Knights Williams and Webb were both members of Damascus Commandery No. 42, which grew out of Detroit Commandery No. 1 and was instituted on June 3, 1891. Damascus subsequently reconsolidated with Detroit No. 1 on June 5, 1992.

Governor and Sir Knight Williams was an active participant in Templar activities. He marched in public parades with Damascus and Detroit Commanderies, he lead the Grand March each year at the DJR Military Balls originated by Damascus No. 42 and continued by Detroit No. 1 for the Masonic youth groups, and he marched as governor of Michigan at the head of the Michigan delegation of 460 Sir Knights in the inaugural parade celebrating the beginning of the second term of Dwight D. Eisenhower as president of the United States on January 21, 1957.

Past Grand Commander Webb felt that it would be fitting and appropriate for Governor G. Mennen Williams' Templar sword to be displayed with uniforms and memorabilia of other well known Knights Templar from Detroit, such as Michigan Governor, Secretary of the Army, and M.E. Grand Master Wilbur M. Brucker; Detroit Mayor Albert Cobo; WWI Flying Ace Eddie Rickenbacher; and others.

Pictured receiving and examining the sword, engraved with Williams' name, are from left: Corbin P. Elliott, P.C., KYCH, O.P.C., KCT; John H. Mengel, P.C., O.P.C., Drill Corps Capt. General; George N. Loesch, KTCH, Grand Prelate Emeritus, Prelate; Roger P. Sobran, Eminent Commander; Ronald E. Gorecki, Jr. Warden; Ardyss D. Bennett, KYCH, O.P.C., Captain General; and Don J. Williams, P.C. All are members of Detroit Commandery No. 1. (submitted by Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliott)

St. Paul No. 27, Hammond, Louisiana, Holds Inspection



After a period of 13 years, St. Paul Commandery No. 27 held an inspection at their asylum in Hammond, Louisiana, on September 23, 2006. In the past few years, St. Paul has had an influx of new Sir Knights. The York Rite bodies have held a festival for the past 2 years, and the interest has continued so that the festival is now an annual event. In the photo taken after the Order of the Temple are R.E.G.C. of Louisiana, Sir Knight Larry J. Plaisance, and his Grand Line family, along with E.C. of St. Paul, Sir Knight David Wallace, and other members of the Commandery. P.C. Michael Hawkins, our correspondent, comments: "With very few errors in the opening of the asylum, we look forward to future inspections."

Knights Templar of Arizona Attend Grand Prelate's Ordination



Sir Knights of Arizona are pictured at the Cathedral of the Holy Nativity, Payson, Arizona, at the recent ordination of Sir Knight Lowell Andrews, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Arizona. From left to right are Sir Knights: Howard Billingsly, P.C.; Richard Young, P.C.; Harry Hoppe, P.C.; James Stewart (Bishop); Lowell Andrews, G.P. of Arizona; Peter Johnson, P.G.C. of Arizona; Frank Edens, P.G.C. of Arizona; and Forest Hoover. Not pictured was Sir Knight James Hughes, then Grand Commander of Arizona. (Submitted by Sir Knight Peter Johnson)

Homecoming of Tennessee's M.E. Grand High Priest Lett



The Homecoming Chapter-Council group meeting for M.E. Grand High Priest Michael Carroll Lett, Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Tennessee, was held midsummer in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the Scottish Rite Temple. In addition to the over 200 York Rite Sir Knights and guests in attendance at the homecoming, the grand officers included M.W. Grand Master Sid Cornelius Dorris III, Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Tennessee, and then R.E.D.C., Southeastern; R.E. Grand Commander of Tennessee, James Alfred Hafner; M.I. Grand Master Marshall Luther Horn, Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Tennessee; and M.E. Grand High Priest Michael Carroll Lett.

Since the G.H.P. Lett is a member of the Knox County Sheriff's Department, it was only fitting that the color guard for posting the flag of the United States were 3 members of the Sheriff's Department. M.E.G.H.P. Lett presented Honorary Tennessee Colonel certificates and Honorary Knox County Sheriff Department certificates to a number of the Lodge, York Rite and Knoxville Scottish Rite members attending.

The picture was taken during the posting of the US flag by the Knox County Sheriff's Department, and on stage, left to right, are: Gary Thomas Long, M.W. Grand Master Sid C. Dorris III, M.E. Grand High Priest Michael Carroll Lett, Paul Frederick Richards, R.E.G.C. James A. Hafner, and M.I. Grand Master Marshall L. Horn. (submitted by Sir Knight Joseph Warshawsky, P.C., chairman P.R.)

Reverend Hilsenbeck of New York Receives Companion of the Temple



Reverend Juanita Duryea Hilsenbeck is shown receiving the medal and plaque of the Knights Templar Companion of the Temple from Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, R.E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment, at the 193rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York State. Walt Hilsenbeck (left), P.C. of Nassau Commandery, looks on with pleasure.

Reverend Hilsenbeck has worked extensively with the Knights Templar and has accomplished 37 years as a volunteer in nursing centers, in the Nassau University Medical Center, in Masonic nursing homes in Utica, and as chaplain for the Boy Scouts and Jones Beach Power Squadron.

She is a resident of Massapequa, New York, and is currently serving with the Half Hollow Community Church of Dix Hills. Rev. Robert Cave, the E. Recorder of New York and R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, fills her pulpit when she travels. She is a pastor emeritus of the Peoples Church of Long Beach, a musician, and a lover of antiques and travel. She has been married for 46 years and has 2 sons. Sir Knight Walt accompanies her on her nursing home religious services.

Patchogue/Nassau Commandery holds its Ascension Day and Thanksgiving services at Half Hollow Church, and Past Grand Commanders Rev. Robert Cave, Charles Mendell, and George Harrison are in attendance. (picture by Helen Markham)

Sir Knight Maurice A. Storck, Sr., Honored

Sir Knight Maurice A. Storck, Sr., has been honored for 27,500 hours of volunteer service, all of it Masonic service. He has a total of over 30,000 hours of volunteering. Jayendra H. Shah (left), M.D., Chief of Staff, executive office, Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, presents the SA VAHCS "local award for 27,500 hours of volunteer service" to Sir Knight Storck (right), President, Veteran's National Stamp and Coin Club. Storck, Sr., received the award at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in the Fountain Courtyard of the health care facility.



California Sir Knight Receives the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor



Sir Knight Don Krampe of Riverside Commandery in Riverside, California, received the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award for volunteer work.

The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman to "recognize people who have made exceptional, exemplary, and lasting contributions to humanity and their communities." The award was inspired by the courageous acts of the 4 Army chaplains who were serving aboard the USAT *Dorchester* when it was hit by enemy fire and sank in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943.

Sir Knight Krampe's accomplishments are too many to list here, but a long-time HOBY volunteer, Sir

Knight Krampe worked for the YMCA, the Veterans' Administration and was a director of the Department of the Treasury's Savings Bond division; he also coordinated all USO operations in South Vietnam during the 1970s.



Sale of York Rite Plaque to Benefit York Rite Charities

The plaque is scrolled out of wood and framed, and it represents all the bodies of the York Rite: Master Mason to Commandery. All proceeds from the sale of these plaques will go to the York Rite philanthropies: RARA, Cryptic Mason, Eye Foundation, and Holy Land Pilgrimage. They are \$50.00 each, including shipping and handling anywhere in the United States. Check to *Conway York Rite Bodies*, and send to Kenneth Brackens, 2742 Cultra Road, Conway, SC 29526-3702; e-mail, kbrackens@yahoo.com.

Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.

LEXINGTON, MA. John William McNaughton was elected to the position of Sovereign Grand Commander for the Scottish Rite Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction at the recent annual meeting in Chicago. He has been serving in that capacity since April following the death of Sovereign Grand Commander Walter E. Webber.

Brother McNaughton has been active in Masonic organizations in the Fort Wayne, Indiana, area for a number of years. He became an Active Member of the Supreme Council in 1998 and was named Grand Lieutenant Commander at last year's annual meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Also elected were Jim S. Deyo of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, as Grand Lieutenant Commander and Richard W. Elliot of Hampton, New Hampshire, as Grand Marshal General. New state Deputies include Frederick E. Jackson for Vermont, James R. Spencer for Connecticut, David A. Glattly for New Jersey, and Lee B. Lockwood for Illinois.

Six new members were elected as Active Members to the governing board of the Supreme Council. They are Eric Ginette of Cabot, Vermont; Robert F. Ogg, Jr., of Glendale, Rhode Island; Robert J. Sheridan of Galloway, New Jersey; James T. Elliott, Jr., of Wilmington, Delaware; William J. Dover of Davison, Michigan; and John T. Phillips of Antioch, Illinois.

Retiring board members include Richard E. Hildebrand of Essex Junction, Vermont; Donald D. Thomas of Newark, Delaware; Gerald F. Thorp of Caro, Michigan; and Lawrence D. Inglis of Antioch, Illinois.

The week-long meeting concluded with the conferral of the 33° upon 233 members who were selected for dedicated service to Scottish Rite Freemasonry or service reflecting credit upon the fraternity.

The names of 175 nominees were announced to receive the 33° at next year's meeting in Washington, DC, on August 28, 2007.

Letter to the Editor...

Response of Sir Knight John W. White to Daniel H. Cannon, M.D., October 2006, page 10:

"Brother Cannon may want to reconsider his comment that the Shroud of Turin is discredited.

"Although a carbon-14 test in the late 1980s purportedly showed that the Shroud was no older than the 13th century—and therefore a hoax—it has now been shown that those test results were badly flawed due to several factors. First, the piece of Shroud used for testing was taken from what is now recognized as a 14th century "patch" or repair of the Shroud, woven "invisibly"—i.e., not immediately visible to the naked eye. Second is the presence of biological material (mold or microorganisms growing on the fibres) and carbon particles (from smoke of a 16th century fire in which the Shroud was partly burned) on the piece of fabric tested, which skewed results toward a more modern date.

"New chemical tests move the age of the Shroud back in time to the first century A.D. Furthermore, the weaving of the linen Shroud is now recognized as consistent with the weaving of first century Palestine but not 14th century Europe. Moreover, new research has identified pollen grains on the Shroud which could only have come from the vicinity of Jerusalem during the months of March and April—Passover time—when such vegetation is in bloom. For these and other research-based reasons, the Shroud is now clearly established as an authentic first-century relic of the Near East precisely as legend holds."

There is more to Sir Knight White's comment, but space prohibits our including all.

News from the Social Order of the Beauceant

Florida Beauceants Do It Again!



Florida members of the Social Order of the Beauceant (Tampa No. 208, Jacksonville No. 220, Ocala No. 249, and Orlando No. 256) again held a state class during the time of Florida's Annual York Rite Sessions in Cocoa Beach, Florida

Each time Beauceant members name the class in honor of someone special, and this year that someone is Mrs. William (Charlene) Howard from Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and a member of Ocala Assembly No. 249. Mrs. Howard is in the center of the picture with a Beauceant red jacket, and on each side of her are the new members: at her right: Mrs. Richard Foreman and Mrs. Jack Large (Ocala); on her left: Mrs. Robert Hernandez (Tampa) and Mrs. Blair Ferguson (Orlando). Chairman of the class, Mrs. Fred Piasecki, reports: "As you can see, we had a full set of officers and quite a few sideliners. This is preceded by an all-ladies breakfast, sponsored by the Florida Beauceants."

NEWS FROM TOPEKA NO. 24, S.O.O.B.

Pictured at right, the members of Topeka Assembly No. 24, Social Order of the Beauceant, Topeka, Kansas, met to celebrate the 101st birthday and present a 50-year pin to Mrs. Eugene (Arvilla) Parker, seated between Mrs. Marvin Vanvleck and Past President Mrs. Paul Chilton at right. Standing are: Mrs. Robert Fisher, Mrs. Dale Anspaugh, Mrs. Dean Rice, Mrs. Wayne Starkey, Mrs. Charles Baldry, Mrs. Eslie McAtee, and Mrs. Lloyd Blanchard.



Pictured below are S.W.P. and P.S.W.P. Mrs. Joe N. Randall and the officers of Topeka Assembly No. 24 at Mrs. Randall's official visit in February 2006.



Pictured at left, S.W.P. Mrs. Jack Edwards, right, presents a 50-year card and pin to Mrs. Paul Chilton. Mrs. Chilton has been very active in the Assembly serving as President in 1980 and 1996 and in many other offices, as well as Director of

Work for 25 years. Mrs. Chilton also served the Supreme Assembly as chairman of the Registration and Mileage committees and worked on Jewelry and Credentials.

Pictured at right, Mrs. Eldon Thomasson (left), then President, and Mrs. Paul Chilton deliver 500 items to the Ronald McDonald House, which the Assembly supported in 2004. (submitted by Eunice Gravatt, W.B.L.)



NEWS FROM SHREVEPORT NO. 60, S.O.O.B.

Spring of 2006 Shreveport Assembly No. 60, Social Order of the Beauceant, in Shreveport, Louisiana, initiated five new members. At left next page are the members in attendance. Next page, right, are the new members, flanked by (Mrs. Pat) Chloe Dickson (left), W.P., and (Mrs. Michael) Betty Carole Shively, S. Mistress of the Wardrobe. The new members are, left to right: (Mrs. Frank) Roxanne duTreil,



Jr.; (Mrs. Timothy W.) Christina Tuck; (Mrs. Charles) Elizabeth Shearer; (Mrs. J. F.) Anita Webb; and (Mrs. Richard) Janice James. The Assembly also received (Mrs. Kenneth) Vera Story on affiliation.

The Sir Knights and ladies of the Shreveport area donated \$1,417.00 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at the Annual Conclave of Louisiana. (submitted by [Mrs. Roy] Viva May, Recorder)

NEWS FROM AUSTIN NO. 125, S.O.O.B.



Spring 2006 then Supreme Worthy President (Mrs. Jack L.) Mary Ann Edwards had her official visit at Austin Assembly No. 125, Social Order of the Beauceant, Austin, Texas. At the visit Mrs. Lecia Caudle, the daughter of Sir Knight and Mrs. Don R. Long, was initiated. In left picture, left to right, are: S.W.P. Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Lecia Caudle, Past President Mrs. Don Long, and Mrs. Wayland Clark, W.P.

Preceding the meeting, a delicious dinner was held with a delightful handbell concert and 59 guests present. Austin was pleased to have present 5 mother/daughter pairs out of 7 and others from Melrose and San Antonio Assemblies. Pictured in the picture to right are: front row, l. to r.: seated, Mrs. Edwards; Ms Cladette Allen; Mrs. Fred Gunder; Mrs. Tweed Chouinard with her mother seated, Mrs. Robert Higginbotham, P.P.; Mrs. Paul Wendler, P.P.; Ms Julie Wendler; Mrs. Don Long, P.P.; and Mrs. Lecia Caudle. Second row: from Melrose No. 204: Mrs. Paul Wunsch, Supreme Paraphernalia Committee; Mrs. Michael Shively, Supreme Mistress of the Wardrobe; from San Antonio No. 159: Mrs. James Davis, P.P., and Mrs. John Brogan, Supreme Benevolent Chairman. Back row: Mrs. R. D. Moore, P.S.W.P., and Mrs. Harley Ford, P.P.



(pictures by Mrs. Tweed Chouinard; submitted by Mrs. R. D. Moore)

NEWS FROM WICHITA NO. 8, S.O.O.B.



Late winter 2006 Wichita Assembly No. 8, Social Order of the Beauceant, Wichita, Kansas, welcomed then S.W.P. Mrs. Jack Edwards to her official visit and honored a 50-year member. A lovely luncheon preceded the meeting, and Mrs. Edwards was honored with a tea afterwards.

(Mrs. N. L.) Nan King (pictured left) was honored as "Queen for the Day" on her receiving her 50-year membership pin and card, presented by Mrs. Joe N. Randall, P.S.W.P and current President of the Assembly. Mrs. King also received a beautiful orchid corsage.

Mrs. King was initiated on December 23, 1955, and served in many offices including Worthy President of Wichita in 1961. She continues to serve the Assembly as Chaplain. She has served Supreme Assembly on several committees and was S. Assistant Marshal for Mrs. William Chant.

Pictured at right, right to left: Mrs. Jack Gravatt, Supreme Treasurer; Mrs. Jack Edwards, then S.W.P.; and Mrs. Joe N. Randall, P.S.W.P. and W.P. of Wichita No. 8.



NEWS FROM ORLANDO NO. 256, S.O.O.B.



(Mrs. Frank) Terry Sender, the W. President of Orlando Assembly No. 256, Social Order of the Beauceant, in Orlando, Florida, has a project this year of raising money for the Cary Baker Act's Flags for Schools Program, whose goal is to place and maintain an American flag in every Florida classroom. The project is a huge success and demonstrates that when it comes to patriotism, every branch of Masonry generously responds.

Pictured, left to right: R.E. Grand Commander of Florida Jerry Morgan, (Mrs. Doug) Marlene Noden, Color Bearer; Viera High Principal Mark Tormoen, W.P. (Mrs. Frank) Terry Sender, and (Mrs. John) Ruth Carroll, 1st Vice-President.



NEWS FROM LONG BEACH NO. 39, S.O.O.B.

Mrs. O. Reed Bollin, left, and Mrs. Jack Gaskins, right, of the S.O.O.B. in Long Beach, California, deliver "preemie" caps, made by Mrs. Bollin, and crib and twin size quilts to Millers Children's Hospital of Long Beach. The Chapter has delivered a total of 205 caps and 142 quilts.

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.



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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, 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: Knights Templar swords, all gold trim and stainless steel: \$150 each. Call (540) 636-9993

■ I am a collector of Templar triennial badges and medals. There are many of us out there: Would you like to form an association to further our mutual interest? I can see an internet site with photo contributions of triennial badges and latest prices paid. Swapping of badges and medals would be beneficial to all. Any ideas? Contact me at *stncrs@lynxconnect.com* Joel Ratliff, Winchester, VA

■ 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: Commander's/Past Commander's chapeau, size 7 and 3/8, in new condition without insignia (you can get insignia from us—see ad above). Chapeau is \$125 plus postage, \$20. **Also for sale:** antique, extremely fine quality Templar sword with very fancy silver plated Knight's head pommel and open work cross guard with a red cross and crown on the front and silver-plated chain hangers with knight's armour and red enamel Maltese cross on each, ivory grip with cross and initials. Complete with silver sword hangers and belt slide. Price, \$250 plus S & H, \$25. *J. N. Jacobsen, Jr., P.C., 3 Oceans West Blvd, Suite 4A4, Daytona Beach, FL 32118; Call (386) 304-6157.*

■ 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 *peuwinsche@sbglobal.net* **10% to KTEF.** The pins are a special project for the 159th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas.

■ 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, Lawrenceville, GA 30044-5537, (678) 923-6776* or e-mail *tonawsta@comcast.net* You can view online at *www.hiram.net/webs/MASONIC/tonawsta/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, recruiting new members, free CD ROM, a Bible at your request, etc.—all sent at no cost. 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: Middle Georgia Chapter No. 165, R.A.M., the first 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

■ 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, with a certificate of authentication. 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*.

■ 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*.

■ **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.**

■ Help the children: 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 and one free tag with every 10 ordered**. Shipping for 1 to 5 is \$5.00, 6 to 10 is \$7.00, 11 to 20 is \$10.00 to same address in US. **\$2.00 from each tag donated 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 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 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.*

■ Wanted to buy: I will pay a fair price for the book, *Jewels of Masonic Oratory—must be in good condition.* *William B. Gates III, 160 Carroll Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834-3719.*

■ 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.*

■ 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 lifekajets in order to save the lives of others. The price per pin is \$8.00 ea. including S & H **10% to KTEF.** *New item:* Sept. 11 Memorial Masonic lapel pin, \$8.00 each, including S & H—to commemorate members who lost their lives in terrorist attack—**proceeds to KTEF.** *S. Kenneth Baril, 6809 Main Street, Apt. 2 West, Cincinnati, OH 45244-3470, (513) 272-2815, fax (513) 272-2830.*

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

■ For sale: custom Masonic coins and lapel pins: Promote Masonry with custom designed coins and lapel pins. Call today to find out how you can design a one-of-a-kind pin or coin for your Masonic organization and help the KTEF. Prices include FREE graphic, design, shipping, and die. (800) 765-1728, *Frank Looser, 809 Cobble Cove, Nashville, TN 37211*. E-mail fhly@comcast.net. Web address www.cnfinteractive.com **% 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 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 Rickheim, 14761 Tunnicliff Road, Petersburg, MI 49270-9716*; e-mail vnurueckheim@hotmail.com; call collect (734) 854-3021.

■ For sale: cemetery plots at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Kansas City, MO. 3 spaces, Sec. 3 (Masonic Gospels), list for \$2,450 each; asking half, \$1,225 each. *Robert Rugenstein, (816) 540-5375.*

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