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Grand Master's Message for January 2007

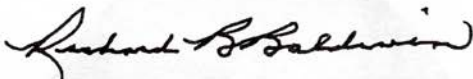
Welcome to 2007 and the beginning of a new calendar year! The officers of the Grand Encampment trust that you have celebrated a Blessed Christmas and are well on your way to a Happy and Healthy New Year!

As we begin this new year, we are reminded that this is a time to make resolutions to improve our lives during the course of the next 365 days. I would hope that you would also make resolutions to improve our beloved Freemasonry in general and Templary in particular. A new year brings with it fresh ideas and a clean slate for the future. Please take a moment to resolve that you will personally assist your Masonic bodies with your time and efforts, both in making our fraternity work better and in recruiting new members.

The 39th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is in full swing. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would encourage you to donate as you are able, but more importantly, to work with your Commandery to have a successful fund-raiser to benefit the Campaign. For the last fifty years we have been helping to prevent blindness for those who cannot help themselves. Let us all keep up the good work started a half century ago.

Our travels next month will take us to Washington, DC, for Masonic Week and to Portland, Oregon, for the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. A busy schedule of Annual Conclaves and Department Conferences will resume in March. I look forward to meeting with many of you "on the circuit."

Fraternally,



Richard B. Baldwin
Grand Master, GCT



The Grand Encampment's 77th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service (April 8, 2007) and the other Easter weekend activities will be held as usual with the headquarters hotel being the Hotel Washington, Washington, DC, and the service itself taking place at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. The details concerning these festivities will be published in the February issue of *Knight Templar* magazine.

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

JANUARY: This is an issue of the magazine you will want to keep handy because there is so much information here that you will want to refer to and use in the future. We start with biographies of new grand officers of the Grand Encampment, page 5–10; we continue with the Masonic organizations' plans for meetings in 2007, page 11, and information on the states' Conclaves for 2007, page 15; and we also include information on the state chairmen for the 39th Annual Voluntary Campaign, page 18. Don't forget to check out the online KTEF shopping mall; information is on page 19. As usual, we have an update on the 39th Annual Voluntary Campaign, starting on page 20. Last but not least, Sir Knight Lemmons informs all of the history and significance of the beauséant: The Grand Encampment and most state and local Commanderies have one!

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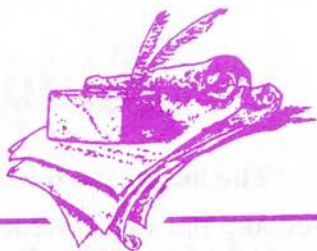
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A *Knight Templar* magazine Index, including all previous indexes and covering the years, 1969-1999, is now available at a price of \$5.00, plus \$2.50 postage—total, \$7.50. This is your chance to invest at a bargain price in the index which covers main articles of the maga-

zine 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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Meet Your Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment—2006-2009

REVEREND ROBERT J. CAVE

Reverend Robert J. Cave was born January 24, 1933. He is married to Lois and has two sons and four grandchildren.

Sir Knight Cave received his B.A. Degree from Long Island University in New York, his Master of Divinity from the Theological School of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, and his Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

Sir Knight Cave is a retired minister of the United Methodist Church. He resides in Ridge, New York.

He was Raised in Connecticut Rock Lodge No. 92, New Haven, Connecticut; is a Past Master of Consolidated Lodge No. 31, is a member of Willard-Sylvan Grove Lodge, and is Grand Chaplain Emeritus of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M., of New York.

In the York Rite he is a Past High Priest of Phoenix Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons; Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter State of New York, R.A.M.; Past Illustrious Master, Adoniram Council No. 36, Cryptic Masons; and Past Grand Chaplain, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. In Chivalric Masonry, he is a Past Commander, Columbian Commandery No. 1; Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of New York; R.E. Past Grand Commander, Knights Templar of New York; Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of New York; and a holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple award of the Grand Encampment. He was Chairman of the Knights Templar Committee on Religious Activities of the Grand Encampment. He is the Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the



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

Sir Knight Cave is a 32° member of the Valley of Rockville Center, Scottish Rite; Past Excellent Chief, Celtic Council No. 25, Knight Masons; Past Sovereign Master, Chancellor Robert Livingston Council No. 233, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Governor, York Rite College No. 22; Primate General and Regent, York Rite Sovereign College of North America, holding the Order of the Purple Cross; Past Puissant Sovereign, St. Quentin Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and Intendant General UGIC of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, New York Eastern; Past Preceptor, Star of Bethlehem Tabernacle No. 5, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Grand First Pillar, the Grand College of American, HRAKTP. He is also a member of Knickerbocker Priory No. 3, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; (IX°) KGC, Chief Adept, Long Island College, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Right Worthy High Priest,

SRICF, and a Knight Grand Cross, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. He is also a member of the Grand College of Rites of the USA, the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, and C.B.C.S.

Sir Knight Robert J. Cave was appointed to the office of R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment by M.E. Richard B. Baldwin at the 63rd Triennial Conclave in Houston, Texas, August 2006.

GRAND TREASURER APPOINTED

The office of Grand Treasurer was forfeited on November 15, 2006, per section 28 (d) of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment. On November 17 it was my pleasure to appoint Sir Knight James McCrorry Willson, Jr., KGC, P.D.C., Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, for the unexpired term. His biography appears below.

Fraternally,



Richard Burditt Baldwin, GCT
Grand Master

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA

SIR KNIGHT JAMES McCORRY WILLSON, JR. APPOINTED RIGHT EMINENT GRAND TREASURER, 2006-2009

Sir Knight James McCrorry Willson, Jr. was born on November 30, 1921, in Hale County, Texas. He attended Floydada High School in Floydada, Texas, and later Southern Methodist University.

He married Anne O'Berry Newman on January 6, 1946, in Floydada, and Sir Knight Willson has five children: three sons and two daughters.

He is a retired retail building materials distributor.

Sir Knight Willson has been a member for 85 years of the First Methodist Church in Floydada, and taught Bible school for many years.

His civic activities include: past city councilman and Mayor of Floydada; a past district governor of Rotary International, twice; past deputy district governor of Lion International; past director, West Texas Chamber of Commerce; and past director, Texas



Lumberman's Association.

Sir Knight Willson was Raised in Floydada Lodge No. 712, A.F. & A.M., Floydada, Texas, February 22, 1946, and served as Master in 1958, was District Deputy 96th Masonic District in 1959, and served as Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1982.

In the York Rite he received his Royal Arch Mason degree, May 21, 1947, Floydada Chapter No. 227, Floydada; served as their High Priest, 1961; as District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1963; and was Grand High Priest in 1978. He received his Royal and Select Master degrees in Floydada Council No. 163, Floydada, where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1961; he served as Grand Master, General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas, in 1987. Sir Knight Willson was Knighted in Plainview Commandery No. 53, Plainview, Texas, serving as Commander in 1962. He was the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas in 1974.

Sir Knight Willson is presently the Finance Committee Chairman for all the York Rite bodies in Texas.

He is a member of the Permanent Fund Trustees of the Grand

Encampment, and he was appointed a Department Commander, South Central, 1985-1988, of the Grand Encampment by M.E. Grand Master Donald Hinslea Smith, August 1985.

He is a member of Crusader Tabernacle, HRAKTP.

Sir Knight Willson is a 33° with memberships in the Valleys of Lubbock, Waco, Houston, and Dallas, Texas, A. & A.S.R., and is a member of Khiva Shrine Temple, Texas, AAONMS; Crusader Conclave, Amarillo, Texas, R.C.C., Past Sovereign, present Recorder; and was Intendant General for 30 years of the Division of Texas Western for the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine.

He also has memberships in other Masonic organizations including: Royal Order of Scotland; Texas College, SRICF; Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R.; National Sojourners; Knights York Cross of Honour; and Heroes of '76.

MEET TWO OF YOUR 2006-2009

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

JOHN M. LEWIS

Right Eminent

Department Commander (2006-2009) Northeastern Department

Sir Knight John M. Lewis was born June 26, 1947, in Baltimore, Maryland, to Marianna and Harold M. Lewis. He moved to Wilmington, Delaware, in 1953 and then moved to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1969.

He was educated at Brandywine High School, Wilmington, Delaware, and then at Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, receiving a B.S. in Human Relations. He attended Millersville University, Pennsylvania, and received a teaching certificate in Industrial Arts.

Sir Knight Lewis served in the 441st Personnel Service Company as a Spec.

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4, U.S. Army Reserves, from 1970-1976.

He has been employed as an Employment Supervisor, Rite Aid Corp., 1971-1974; an Industrial Arts Teacher, Harrisburg, 1975-1977; and

as a Technology Education Teacher, Big Spring, 1977–2005. He retired June 8, 2005.

In the community he is a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlisle Lodge No. 578, B.P.O. Elks, and is a Merit Badge Counselor, B.S.A. He also belongs to the Cumberland Valley Corvette Club.

His hobbies are sailing, woodworking, stamp collecting, gardening, and collecting Masonic memorabilia.

Sir Knight Lewis married Jean L. Ringer on June 7, 1969. Jean retired as an elementary teacher in 2002. She taught grade 1 and 2 for 33 years. She is a member of Eastern Star and S.O.O.B. They have one son Christopher, age 29, who graduated from West Chester University. Son Chris and Sir Knight Lewis are both Eagle Scouts, and Chris was also Pennsylvania State Treasurer, Order of DeMolay, in 1994.

Sir Knight Lewis and his Lady Jean reside in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir Knight Lewis' Lodge background is as follows: Big Spring Lodge No. 361, F. & A.M., 1981; Worshipful Master, 1988; Trustee, 1989–1991; Treasurer of the Temple Assn., 1986–1991; and Representative to the PA Youth Foundation, 1983–2005. He transferred to St. John's Lodge No. 260, F. & A.M., in 2005.

In Capitular Masonry, he belonged to St. John's Royal Arch Chapter No. 171, 1989; Most Excellent High Priest, 1994 and 1995; and was President of District No. 4 and No. 10 School of Instruction, 1995.

In Cryptic Masonry: St. John's Council No. 5, R. & S.M., 1991; Thrice Illustrious Master, 1993; Treasurer, 1995 and 1996; Council of Anointed Kings, 1993; Order of the Silver Trowel.

In Chivalric Masonry: St. John's Commandery No. 8, 1990; Commander, 1992 and 1993; Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, 1992; Grand Commandery of PA Membership Award, 1993; Drill Team

Captain, 1994; and PA Chairman for the 27th Annual Voluntary Campaign of the KTEF. He was Division Commander, 1995–1997; President of the Line Officers and Past Commanders Association of South-Central PA in 1995; Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, 1995–2000, where he developed a new "Guidelines for Publicity and Public Relations." He also served as Chairman, Membership Committee, 1998–1999 and developed a Membership Manual, serves as Chairman of the Leadership, Development and Training Committee, 2003–present, and is a member of the Educational Foundation Committee, 2003–2008 He is the Grand Representative to Delaware, 2003–Present and was Grand Commander, 2002–2003.

Sir Knight Lewis is a Life Sponsor, KTEF; a member of the Grand Commander's Club and Grand Master's Club of the KTEF; and received the Grand Encampment Membership Award in 1994, Bronze Cluster, 1996. He is a holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple, 2005, a member of the Forty Fivers, 2002; the Easter Sunrise Memorial Service Committee, 63rd triennium, 2003–2006; and is now the Northeastern Department Commander for the 64th triennium, appointed by M.E. Richard B. Baldwin at the 63rd Triennial Conclave in Houston, Texas.

Other Masonic affiliations include: charter member, 1992, of First Capital No. 156, York Rite College; Erin Council No. 6, 1994, Knight Masons of the US; Robert L. Rook Council No. 343, A.M.D., charter member, 1995, Sovereign Master, 2001, and Red Branch of Eri, 2001; Trinity Conclave, 1995, Red Cross of Constantine; Penn Priory No. 6, 1995, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, KYGCH, 1 quadrant, 2002; Valley of Harrisburg, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, 1998; Pilgrim Chapel No. 11, 2004, Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon; Triune Tabernacle No. VII, 2004, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Royal Order of Scotland, 2006; Order of DeMolay:

Carlisle Chapter, Advisory Council member, 1990–1998; District 8 Deputy, PA DeMolay, 1992–1997; Advisors Honor Key,

JEFFREY N. NELSON

Right Eminent
Department Commander (2006–2009)
North Central Department



Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson was born in Tioga, North Dakota, on November 25, 1957, to the late Dr. Norman M. Nelson and Patricia C. Nelson. He is a graduate of Tioga High School, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Dakota with degrees in history and political science, and a graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Law. He is licensed to practice law before the Supreme Court of North Dakota, United States District Court for the District of North Dakota, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. He is also a graduate of the Legislative Staff Management Institute, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources; State Bar Association of North Dakota and the Red Property,

1994; Cross of Honor, 1996; and Honorary Legion of Honor, 1998.

Probate, and Trust Law and Administrative and Government Lawyers Sections; and the Big Muddy Bar Association. He is the author of "Constitutional Law—Witnesses—North Dakota's 'Shield' Statute Limits the Newsgatherers' Statutory Privilege if Nondisclosure Would Cause a Miscarriage of Justice," published in Vol. 59, No. 2 of the *North Dakota Law Review*. He is currently legal counsel and assistant code reviser for the North Dakota Legislative Council.

Sir Knight Nelson is a member, Past Master, and past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bismarck Lodge No. 5. He is also a past director of Masonic education for Lodge No. 5. He has been active in local and statewide Masonic activities, including serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Dakota Masonic Foundation from 1996–2001, serving as chairman in 1999–2000 and 2000–2001. He is currently a member of the Policy and General Purposes Committee, the Masonic Education Committee, the Bylaws Committee, the Trial Commission, and the state coordinator for the Masonic Model Student Assistance Training Program. He has also served the Grand Lodge of North Dakota as appointed Grand Senior Deacon and Grand Senior Steward.

He is a Past High Priest of Missouri Chapter No. 1 and the Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota. He is a recipient of the General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Award. He is a Past Illustrious Master of Twin City Council No. 7 and a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of North Dakota. He is a Past Commander of Tancred Commandery No. 1 and is presently the Grand Commander of the Grand

Commandery of Knights Templar of North Dakota. He is a member and past secretary of the Past Commander's Association. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut near North Dakota, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Connecticut near North Dakota, and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Colorado near North Dakota.

He is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a Past Venerable Master of the Valley of Bismarck-Mandan and an initial board member, past president, and current member of the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Speech Therapy Center for Children in Bismarck. He was invested with the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2003. He is a member of the Shrine and a Past President of the El Zagal Dusters and the Missouri Slope Shrine Club.

Sir Knight Nelson is a member of the York Rite College, charter member, past governor, and current treasurer of Mandan College No. 191; Red Cross of Constantine, currently serving St. Felix Conclave as Eminent Viceroy; Knights of the York Cross of Honour, past Prior of Walter Lincoln

Stockwell Priory No. 53; Knight Masons, Past Excellent Chief of North Dakota Council No. 90; Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Sovereign Master of Capital City Council No. 226; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Triple Tau; Royal Order of Scotland; Grand College of Rites; North Star College, Masonic SRICF; Masonic Order of the Bath; Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor; Knight Crusaders of the Cross; the Universal Craftsmen Council of Engineers; and the International Peace Garden Lodge of Freemasons. He holds honorary memberships in several Grand Commanderies and York Rite grand bodies. He is also a member of several Masonic research lodges and organizations.

Sir Knight Nelson's interests include reading (Masonic, history, and current events); film (annual attendee and member of several film festivals and film societies); travel; and running (finisher of 14 marathons and numerous half marathons).

Sir Knight Richard Burditt Baldwin, Most Eminent Grand Master, appointed Sir Knight Nelson the Right Eminent Department Commander of the North Central Department at the 63rd Triennial Conclave in Houston, Texas, on August 16, 2006.

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP JEWEL

CORRECTION

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

NEW RECIPIENTS

- 565. William Harold Collum, Alexander Courrett Commandery No. 103, Garland, TX. 8-16-2006.
- 566. Jerrel B. Jones, McKinney Commandery No. 34, McKinney, TX. 8-30-2006.
- 567. Walter David Melear, Amarillo Commandery No. 48, Amarillo, TX. 10-25-2006.
- 568. MacArthur Davis, Monroeville Commandery No. 47, Monroeville, AL. 10-24-2006. (2 bronze clusters)



MASONIC CONFERENCES—2007

MEETINGS HELD DURING "MASONIC WEEK" IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

February 7–10	The Philalethes Society
Washington, D.C.	Grand College of Rites, U.S.A.
(annually)	Grand Master's Council, A.M.D.
	Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D.
	Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A.
	Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte
	Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, U.S.A.
	Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.
	Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis
	Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A.
	Ye Antient Order of Corks
	The Society of Blue Friars
	Grand College of America, HRAKTP

GRAND COLLEGE OF AMERICA, HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS

February 9	Current Grand Preceptor:	Contact:
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		Bellaire, TX 77401–2402

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF MASONS IN NORTH AMERICA

February 19–21	Current Conference Chairman:	Contact:
Portland, OR	John J. Harrington	Glenn E. Means
(annually)	P.O. Box 3171	Executive Secretary
	Buena Vista, CO 81211	2019 N.E. Avanti Ct.
		Grain Valley, MO 64029–9368

CONFERENCE OF GRAND SECRETARIES OF NORTH AMERICA

February 18–20	Current President:	Contact:
Portland, OR	Cedric L. Smith	John C. Marden
(annually)	49 East Road–Berlin	Secretary/Treasurer
	Barre, VT 05641–5390	813 Beech Street
		Manchester, NH 03104-3136

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		Alexandria, VA 22301–2751

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		Silver Spring, MD 20910

SUPREME SHRINE, ORDER OF THE WHITE SHRINE OF JERUSALEM

May 1-3
Tulsa, OK
(annually)

Current Worthy High Priestess:
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GRAND COUNCIL, LADIES ORIENTAL SHRINE OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.

May 20-25
Casper, WY
(annually)

Current High Priestess:
NO REPORT

Contact:
NO REPORT

SUPREME FOREST, TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA

May 29-June 3
Virginia Beach, VA
(annually)

Current Supreme Tall Cedar:
Gareth G. Diem
606 W. Lincoln Avenue
Lititz, PA 17543

Contact:
Janis Stanton
Director of Administration
2609 N. Front Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

June 7-10
Houston, TX
(annually)

Current Grand Sovereign:
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711 Navarro Street, Suite 600
San Antonio, TX 78205-1786

Contact:
Ned E. Dull
Grand Recorder
P.O. Box 5716
Springfield, IL 62705-5716

SUPREME TEMPLE, DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

June 10-14
Springfield, MA
(annually)

Current Supreme Queen:
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13309 W. Meeker Blvd.
Sun City West, AZ 85375-3808

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Donna F. Clark, Supreme
Princess Recorder
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Sun City West, AZ 85375-3808

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.

June 12-16
Williamsburg, VA
(annually)

Current National President:
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HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, INC.

June 21-24
Maitland, FL
(annually)

Current International President:
James R. Satterthwaite
106 Sterling Way
Leesburg, FL 34788-2792

Contact:
Ike Hoshauer, Jr.
International Secretary
2029 Washington Avenue, Suite 105
Evansville, IN 47714

INTERNATIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL, ORDER OF DeMOLAY

June 13-16
St. Louis, MO
(annually)

Current Grand Master:
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10200 N.W. Ambassador Dr.
Kansas City, MO 64153

Contact:
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October 19-21	Mass./Rhode Island	Hyannis, MA	John M. Lewis

MASONRY IN NEW ORLEANS

by Martin E. Kranz

It was Brother H. L. Haywood who wrote in his book, *Wellsprings of American Freemasonry*: "To all full time students of Masonic history, Louisiana has in it more satisfactions for the intellect than most of the forty-nine American Grand Jurisdictions. From 1791 until the present, it has been a laboratory in which the questions which a Masonic historian is compelled to study have been submitted to all manner of test. You can see them actually at work, and how they work out; elsewhere he must study them more or less as abstractions."

Freemasonry in New Orleans came from two directions, one from the French and the other American. However, both had a common source—England. Freemasonry was introduced in France about 1726 by Englishmen. From France it quickly spread to the French Colonies, especially in the West Indies, and from there to Louisiana.

The two oldest French speaking Lodges in New Orleans were Parfaite Union (Perfect Union) and Etoile Polaire (Polar Star.) The Masonic work is now being done in English. Of course, there were other Lodges that had been formed early during the French regime, but most of them were merged with other Lodges.

Freemasonry came to colonial America from England and, of course, from colonial America into Louisiana, but it was only after the Louisiana Purchase that Freemasonry began to flourish and become widespread.

The old city of New Orleans was what we commonly refer to as the French Quarter. The correct identification is the *Vieux Carre*, which means the "Old Square."

The oldest Lodge in Louisiana is Perfect Union No. 1 in New Orleans. It was originally a French speaking Lodge and was named "Parfaite Union." It was the successor Lodge of the following Lodges: La Parfaite-Union No. 29, Reunion des Coeurs No. 68, Concorde No. 83, Concorde No. 177, Concorde No. 3, Bienfaisance No. 1, Louisiana No. 1, Harmony No. 122,

Harmony No. 26, Louisiana No. 170, Orient No. 173, Dudley No. 66, Orleans No. 73, and Orleans No. 76.

The records indicate that on April 28, 1793, Laurant Sigur presided over a meeting of fourteen Masons in the city of New Orleans for the purpose of organizing a Masonic Lodge. Many of these Masons had fled from the islands of Santo Domingo and Guadeloupe in the West Indies from whence they were driven by the Negroes who revolted against the French Government.

An organizational meeting was held May 19, 1793, and the officers were elected. Two petitions were received, and at the next meeting, June 9, 1793, the petitioners were initiated.

A charter was received from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and on March 30, 1794, Jason Laurence constituted the Lodge as Parfaite Union No. 29. After the Louisiana Purchase, a Grand Lodge was formed and a charter was granted to the Lodge. It became La Reguliere Lodge Parfaite Union No. 1; when it changed its work to English it became Perfect Union No. 1. Out of this Lodge Ionic No. 374 and Euclid No. 394 were formed.

In 1794 several Masons held a meeting and formed a Lodge which they called Etoile Polaire (Polar Star.) These Masons applied to the Grand Orient of France for a charter. However, the Grand Orient of France was suffering from the political upheaval occurring in France, and it had suspended its labors. They then applied to La Parfaite Sincerite, the Provincial Lodge at Marseilles, France. A provincial charter or dispensation was granted in 1796. Dominique Mayronne was authorized to deliver it, constitute the new Lodge, and install its officers. On December 27, 1798, Polar Star Lodge was formally constituted. Later, the Grand Orient of France resumed its functions, and acting on the petition it received in 1794, it granted a charter to Polar Star Lodge in 1804.

These two Lodges did their work in French, which was a common language

and was used in keeping the records of the Lodges. This factor developed fraternal relations and good will. Another factor that forced them to work together was the clerical and civil opposition to Freemasonry. Masons were looked upon as heretics and devils.

Spanish and French Rule

Louisiana was governed by the French or the Spanish. Both countries were subordinate to the Pope of Rome, and all of their laws were subservient to, and could not conflict with, the Canon Law of the Roman Hierarchy or the Vatican State.

Therefore, under the French or Spanish rule, Freemasonry had to exist underground. In order to have Lodge meetings, the Freemasons went outside the ramparts of the city to meet. Their first meeting place was located on the site now occupied by Etoile Polaire (Polar Star) Lodge on Kerlerec Street, about one block from what was the corner of the old city proper.

Louisiana Purchase

In the beginning, Robert Livingston, the first Grand Master of New York State, was instructed (by President Jefferson) to buy the Floridas and, if possible, the city of New Orleans.

It must be remembered the Floridas extended from what is now the state of Florida all the way to Mississippi Valley. (It is for that reason that the Parishes of Louisiana east of the Mississippi River to the boundary of the State of Mississippi are referred to as the "Florida Parishes.")

Benjamin Franklin, active and able Freemason, rendered valuable assistance to Robert Livingston in accomplishing the purchase of Louisiana. Brother Franklin was well liked by the French, particularly the Freemasons. He served as Worshipful Master of a French Lodge. It was Franklin's influence that finally closed the deal whereby the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory.

The Louisiana Territory was purchased in 1803. Therefore, all the people came under the laws of the United States Constitution. This brought with it freedom of religion and, of course, freedom for the Masons to meet within the city of New Orleans itself. The Canon Law of the Vatican State and the Roman Hierarchy was no longer effective in Louisiana, and the Grand Lodge was organized on June 20, 1812.

It must be remembered that the people of the Old City of New Orleans spoke either Spanish or French or a gumbo composed of both. Those people who came here from the Colonies or from other English speaking places could not understand the French, and the French could not understand them. Antagonisms developed, and as a result, the English speaking people lived above Canal Street, while the French and Spanish lived below in what is commonly referred to as the French Quarter. By that time the population was increasing, and people were living outside the old city of New Orleans.

The city grew, both in population and area. As the population increased, the city limits expanded and took in plantation after plantation which became part of New Orleans. Most of the newcomers spoke English. As the population increased so did the number of Masonic Lodges. The history of Freemasonry in New Orleans is the history of the city itself.

Foreign Language Lodges

As immigrants came to the city from foreign lands, they brought with them their foreign language. Many of them were Masons in the old countries and looked for a Masonic Lodge with which to affiliate in Louisiana. As a result, many foreign speaking Lodges were formed. Germania Lodge formerly did its work in the German language but changed to English because of the two World Wars with Germany. Etoile Polaire (Polar Star) and Perservance Lodges did their work in French but have now changed to English. Cervantes Lodge still does its work in the Spanish language. (*Editor's note: This history was printed in 1976.*) Dante Lodge formerly did its work in the Italian language but has changed to the English.

Masons as Leaders

Freemasonry is proud of its many, many sons. They may be found in every profession, trade, or vocation. Invariably they are the leaders in their particular field of endeavor. Freemasonry is proud of her sons, and her sons are proud of Freemasonry for the lessons inculcated serve as an incentive for them to be better men tomorrow than they are today and to sincerely and earnestly endeavor to elevate mankind to a higher and nobler sphere of existence.

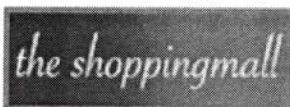
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Richard B. Baldwin
President,
Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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The 39th Annual Voluntary Campaign—

**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**

Happy New Year!

This is the beginning of the next 50 years of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We have accomplished much in the past 50 years, but there is much work to be done in this Charity. We, the Board of Directors, hope to "grow" the Charity. What does that mean? It means that we would like to build the "Permanent" funds of the Eye Foundation to the point that we would only have to use the income from those funds to take care of our annual budget and that all donations would be placed in the "Permanent" funds.

We can do this by one of two ways. One way is to reduce the budget to a point that would probably not be acceptable to you, the members. The other is to redouble our efforts in fund-raising.

As many of you heard in the business sessions at the 63rd Triennial, the fund-raising which has been previously conducted to the benefit of the Grand Encampment is now to be directed to the benefit of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This will take a while, perhaps a year or so, to accomplish. In the meantime, we all need to redouble our efforts to raise funds for the Eye Foundation. Every Commandery should have some form of fund-raising activity no matter how small it may seem. Every penny counts. With some 145,000 members it is possible to accomplish great things.

When you are selling the KTEF to people outside the fraternity, it would be very helpful for you to have a copy of the "new" brochure, which tells our story very graphically. A Commandery program on the Eye Foundation, which discusses this brochure and makes the active members more knowledgeable, would be of great benefit. The better informed we are on this subject, the better job we can do in selling the non-Templars on the benefit of giving to the KTEF. Everyone should be aware that the Eye Foundation is a 501-C3 charity and that all donations are tax deductible.

Won't you step up and see that your Commandery participates in this effort? Let's make the next 50 years for the Eye Foundation much better than the first 50!



Thank You,
Kenneth B. Fischer
Past Grand Master and Past President and Trustee, KTEF

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

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Alaska	100.00
Arizona	125.00
Arkansas	541.00
California	10,668.20
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Connecticut	327.00
Delaware	310.00
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Florida	2,867.08

Georgia	5,895.00
Idaho	410.00
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Maryland	828.00
Mass./R.I.	725.00
Michigan	828.00
Minnesota	290.00
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Montana	330.00
Nebraska	80.00

Nevada.....	130.00
New Hampshire.....	630.00
New Jersey.....	850.00
New Mexico.....	7,149.73
New York.....	1,600.00
North Carolina.....	1,963.34
North Dakota.....	200.00
Ohio.....	82,990.00
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Oregon.....	618.00
Pennsylvania.....	10,682.00
South Carolina.....	1,905.00
South Dakota.....	255.40

Tennessee.....	1,963.47
Texas.....	8,170.71
Utah.....	30.00
Vermont.....	507.40
Virginia.....	4,975.00
Washington.....	80.70
West Virginia.....	78.30
Wisconsin.....	3,372.00
Wyoming.....	380.00
Hilo No. 3, Hawaii.....	30.00
Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico.....	100.00
Miscellaneous.....	30,180.50

Golden Chalice Presented to Pennsylvania Commandery



A Golden Chalice has been presented to Duquesne Commandery No. 72, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in recognition of a \$10,000.00 donation (No. 25) to the KTEF's Permanent Donor Fund. Shown in the picture, from left to right, are: Sir Knights John M. Lewis, P.G.C., Northeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment; Ronald F. Rearick, E. Commander of Duquesne No. 72; and Charles A. Garnes, P.G.C., Honorary Past Department Commander, and Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

IN MEMORIAM



David Olney White
Arkansas
Grand Commander—2005
Born: April 26, 1914
Died: November 4, 2006

Bernard A. Leonard
Kansas
Grand Commander—1981
Born: May 7, 1922
Died: November 9, 2006

On the Masonic Newsfront

Colorado River Fall Festival Knights 77

Sir Knights from Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah gathered for the annual Colorado River Fall York Rite Festival at the Riverside Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada, on October 15–17, 2006. When the dust had cleared, 77 new Knights Templar had taken the degrees of the Chapter and Council and the Orders of Chivalry.



Two Grand Commanders, Sir Knights David J. Morgan, R.E.G.C. of Nevada, left, and Michael T. Bishop, R.E.G.C. of Arizona, center, (both in uniform), pose amid most of the new Sir Knights at the 2006 Colorado River Fall York Rite Festival in Laughlin, Nevada.

After registration and orientation on Sunday, October 15, casts and crews put forth the Capitular and Cryptic degrees on Monday, October 16. Each new Mark Master received a commemorative “half shekel of silver” for his mark and to mark his advancement.

The work continued with the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, the Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple on Tuesday, with a dinner-dance for all Companions and Sir Knights and their ladies and guests in the evening.

During the banquet, 12 senior members of the festival committee received special “Gold Talents” (gold-plated half-shekels) in recognition of their many hours of service over the 16 falls in which the Festival has been held.

The Colorado River York Rite Festival began in 1991 in Bullhead City, Arizona. It soon moved across the Colorado River to Laughlin, immediately on the Nevada side. The Festival has happily made its home at Don Laughlin’s Riverside Resort and Casino for the last few years.

More than 900 Master Masons have received some or all of the degrees and orders of the York Rite at the hands of degree teams from the participating

states and guest teams from as far away as Massachusetts. The Festival customarily confers the Super-Excellent Master Degree or the Royal Arch Widow Degree in alternating years. Formal banquets usually have themes, but the theme is almost never "speakers' night!"

The 2007 Colorado River Fall Festival will be held at the Riverside in Laughlin, October 21-23. Details and registration materials are at www.crff.org.

Sir Knight David G. Stankow wrote and submitted the article and picture. He is a Past Commander of DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 1, Reno, Nevada; the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Arizona; and Honorary Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of California. He lives in Mesa, Arizona.

Connecticut Grand Commandery Drill Team

This was the first year of competition for the Grand Commandery of Connecticut Drill Team.

After competing in their first ever nationwide competition in Houston in August 2006 at the 63rd Triennial Conclave, they were invited to compete at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery of New York in September 2006. There they were awarded a "tie" for first place.



The drill team members are: Drill Captain, Sir Knight Charles McCollum, E.C. of Crusader Commandery, and Sir Knights Edward Ham, R.E.P.G.C., Hamilton Commandery; Edward Schoenrock, P.C. of Washington Commandery; Kenneth Hall, E.G.Sr.W., St. John's Commandery; William Mackey, E.G. Sentinel, Washington Commandery; Leonard Bucher, E.G.St.B., New Haven Commandery; William Dralle, E.C. of Cyrene Commandery; and Charles O'Neill, E.C. of Stamford-Clinton Commandery.

Wyoming Fund-raiser for the Holy Land Pilgrimage



The Knights Templar of Wyoming have incorporated a tradition of their Western culture and coupled it with a means to raise funds to send an ordained Christian minister to the Holy Land. The Wyoming Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee have organized and held their first raffle, with the grand prize being a buffalo hunt. The hunt was held at the IPY Ranch, located at Devils Tower, Wyoming.

Pictured are Terry Titmus, grand prize winner; George White, owner of the IPY Ranch; and Sir Knight Charles Smith, P.G.C. and seller of the winning ticket.

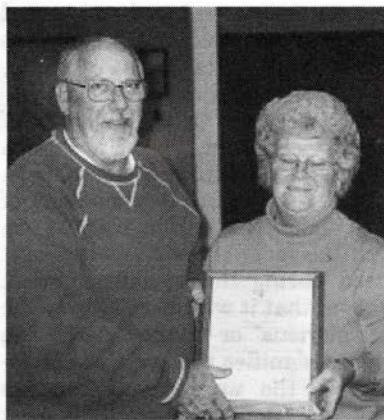
A second raffle is now underway. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and each drawing is limited to 175 entries. To purchase a ticket, send a check to Sir Knight Donald L. York, G.Sr.W., Chairman, Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, 739 East Antelope Road, Douglas, WY 82633. Photo courtesy of Charles W. Smith, Donald L. York, G.Sr.W., and Charles W. Smith, P.G.C., Reporters

Eugene Assembly No. 198, S.O.O.B., Oregon—Official Visit



Mrs. David E. Alcon, Supreme Worthy President, had her official visit to Eugene Assembly No. 198, Eugene, Oregon, on October 9, 2006, in the Scottish Rite building. After the visit a wonderful luncheon with the Sir Knights was enjoyed by all. In the picture from left to right are: front row: Mrs. John B. Wardell, Mrs. Ivan Rinck, Mrs. David Alcon, Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Burt Eaton, Mrs. Mel Gowing, Mrs. Mason Ludwig, Mrs. Glen Robinson, and Mrs. Harold Hytenin; back row: Mrs. Danny Glaspey, Mrs. Otis Harden, Mrs. William Johnson, Mrs. Robert Long, Mrs. Robert Wagner, and Mrs. John Friedrichsen. (Submitted by P.P. Mrs. Micki Forell, Paradise No. 250)

S.O.O.B. News from the Badger State



Mrs. Martin Callaway, Worthy President of La Crosse Assembly No. 215, La Crosse, Wisconsin, was honored to present Sir Knight Terry L. Loper with an Eye Foundation Life Sponsorship at a recent potluck supper. Sir Knight Loper is the Senior Warden of La Crosse Commandery No. 9.

Each year the Assembly provides a Sir Knight of La Crosse Commandery with a Life Sponsorship for the KTEF.

The Assembly also remembers the veterans at the Mosher Veterans' Home near La Crosse on Veteran's Day with a monetary gift and many dozens of home baked cookies.

The Lesson of the Beauséant

by Dr. Gary D. Lemmons, PC, KTCH

Delivered on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at the Annual Inspection of Pilgrim Commandery No. 15, Gainesville, Georgia.

Masonic and Templar writers and historians tell us that the beauséant was the banner adopted by those medieval period, warrior monks known as the Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Solomon and used by them as a guidon in battle. Witnesses to the combat of these valiant and magnanimous knights describe their embarking into the fray dressed in white mantles decorated with a red cross. It is said that they were always first into the fight and the last to retire from the field.¹

In battles of this time period, it is recorded that the first attack was always the most terrible. An attribute peculiar to the Templars is said to have been that they advanced upon their enemies in silence. This is singularly unusual as it is widely the custom of all fighting forces from whatever culture to attack with a whoop, yell, or screech designed to strike fear into the hearts of the enemy. Perhaps their well known degree of ferocity and the eerie silence that they emanated as they advanced under their beauséant was striking and more frightening to their opponents than would have been a noise.²

The beauséant was then, as it is today, a banner of two colors, black over white. It was carried into battle by a Marshal and protected by a detail of ten Templar Knights, specifically selected for that purpose. If the Marshal was killed in battle, the Commander of the Templar Knights detail became the acting Marshal and continued in the struggle. The beauséant was not allowed to flow as a flag. Rather, it was borne between two pikes and carried unfurled so that the enemy as well as the Templars could see it advancing. The beauséant was the rallying point for all

the Templar warriors during battle, and *it did not leave the field as long as the Templars were involved in fighting, and the Templars did not cease combat until the beauséant left the field.* Consequently, the struggle did not cease until the enemy was destroyed or the Templars were all killed.³

It is reported that when the Templars prevailed in battle they would kneel upon the necks of their defeated foe and raise their voices in singing Psalm 115: 1: "Not unto us, Oh Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake." History indicates that once defeated, Templar enemies were treated humanely by the knights. Indeed, it was expected that prisoners be fed and clothed, even at the point of a sword. Templar conduct toward defeated enemies was so unusual that the great Muslim chieftain, Saladin, is said to have held the knights in highest esteem.⁴

The design of the beauséant is quite interesting as well—a square of cloth of two colors, black over white. Among the symbolists, it is generally accepted that the banner reflects the duality of the world. There is a dark, evil, and bitterly frightening side; yet, there is a beautiful, pleasant, and glorious side as well. The black is on top because in this world of sin and transgressions, evil seems to hold sway. However, underneath, the good is ever present and will, in the fullness of time, correct every form of error and bring to justice those who have committed vile and impious acts toward God and toward man. The banner, thus interpreted, was *bright and beautiful to friends of Christ, but dark and dreadful to His enemies.*

Finally, we come to the meaning of the word "beauséant." It is a French word that is a combination of two, *beau* and *séant*. The modern-day meaning of *beau* is "beautiful." However, if we research the meaning of the word as it was used during the medieval period, we discover that it was more akin to the idea of "glorious" or "magnificent." The word *séant* signifies the state of becoming. Hence, the word "beauséant" as used by our Templar knights is best

interpreted as the admonition: "Be glorious"—alluding, no doubt, to the expectation that they conduct themselves bravely and fiercely in battle and be merciful and magnanimous in victory.⁵

Sir Knights, I have a question. It is a question as much for me as for any one of you.

For 30 years I have been attending Commandery asylums and looking at the beauséant. Many of you have been coming for a lot longer time. For three decades I have been a Templar and participated in the activities of the order including numerous inspections. Many of you have participated much longer. The question is: How often during that time have we "been glorious"?

I submit to you that, if we are brutally honest, we have not "been glorious" as often as we should have been, and I am the chief sinner in that department. I submit to you that we are not "being glorious" when we attend our regular conclaves, our inspections, or even our beloved Christmas observances. We are not "being glorious" when we confer the Orders, valiant and necessary as they are. We are not being glorious when we participate in Grand Commandery Conclaves or attend the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington with our Grand Encampment. We are not "being glorious," even when we contribute monies to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation or to our own Molly S. Moseley Eye Foundation of Georgia, Inc. All of these things are good, but they are things that we ought to do. They are responsibilities that we assume when we become Sir Knights, and, in and of themselves, they do not make us "be glorious."

We are "being glorious" when we, first and foremost, give our hearts and souls to the care and mastership of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Following that act, we are "being glorious" only when we truly give of ourselves to our neighbors, whether it be a kind word and an arm of support to a fellow Sir Knight or Brother Freemason or whether it be a word of cheer or an act of kindness to some member of the profane world. "Being glorious" rarely involves money, for the giving of money,

while necessary and commendable, is often the way we ease our consciences of our failure to give of ourselves.

We are "being glorious" when we realize that we have been wrong and when we ask for forgiveness. When we have done anyone wrong or when we have failed to do that which we should have done, we can "be glorious" in repentance and supplication for pardon. It is a difficult act in which to participate, especially when the person we have wronged is our wife, who knew she was right all along.

As hard as it is to admit our errors and to ask for forgiveness for our mistakes, that is not the most difficult task that we face. Our opportunity of being **most glorious** comes when we do the most difficult task known to man...that of forgiving others even when they have not asked for our forgiveness. To forgive one who has offended us, who has been unfair and has hurt us deeply, is the most Christ-like act that we can perform. Such an act has a wonderful effect upon our own psyche. It frees us from the bondage of the grudge. It places the weight of the errant act upon the offender, and he or she is mystified by our demeanor. Most important, it pleases our Lord and expresses in the most powerful way that we can our appreciation for "His" forgiveness of "our" transgressions and shortcomings.

Sir Knights and ladies, let us leave this place today resolved to go forth under the banner of our Beauséant and endeavor every day of our remaining lives in every challenge and opportunity to "be glorious."

¹Stephen Defoe. "The Templar Beauséant",
Templar History Magazine.

<http://www.templarhistory.com/beauseant.html>

²John J. Robinson. *Born in Blood*. New York: M. Evans and Company, 1989, xix + 376 pp.

³Ibid.

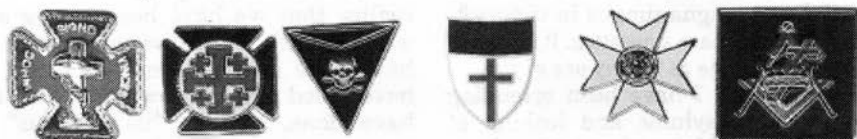
⁴Ibid.

⁵Ibid.



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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SALE OF CALIFORNIA COOKBOOK TO BENEFIT THE KTEF

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



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

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

SUMMER UNIFORM SALE AIDS KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

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

MILFORD COMMANDERY POLO SHIRTS BENEFIT KTEF

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



Knight Voices

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

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

■ The Grand Commandery of Illinois is planning its 150th anniversary to be held in 2007. Part of the program is the issuance of a commemorative pin, available at \$5.00. Send to William H. Brown, 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: 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: Commander's/Past Commander's chapeau, size 7 and 1/8 or 1/4, used but in very good, wearable and presentable condition, complete with fitted and shaped leather carrying case, showing wear but in sound, usable condition. Made by C. E. Ward. The set is \$125 plus postage (\$20). Also for sale: antique, extremely fine quality Sir Knight's sword with very fancy silver plated Knight's head pommel and open work cross guard with "Hudson River Commandery" in a triangle enclosing a red cross and crown. Has silver-plated chain hangers with a knight and red enameled Maltese cross on each, ivory grip with Christian cross on one side and initials on the other. Silver plate needs polishing and scabbard and blade need buffing. Complete with silver sword hangers and belt slide in a period canvas case. 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.

■ 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 stncrss@lynxconnect.com Joel Ratliff, Winchester, VA

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

■ 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 or 2 for \$15.00, 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.

■ Peruvian Masonic pennies: Leoncio Prado Lodge No. 51, Huanuco, Peru, is selling genuine 10 centimos coins with the Masonic logo stamped on the front to raise funds for building maintenance. The price is \$1.00 each, minimum order of 5 coins with postage paid. A donation will go to the KTEF. Manuel G. Rengifo, 106 Oak Court, Tullahoma, TN 37388.

■ **Rising Sun Lodge No. 13, Kansas City, Missouri**, is celebrating their 150th year in Freemasonry and have a coin and history book for sale. The coin is one and 1/2 inches in size, bronze in color, and depicts the old and new buildings. It can be purchased separately for \$6.50 and the book for \$4.50. Check or money order to *Rising Sun Lodge No. 13*, and send to *Marvin Shull, P.M.; 2304 N.E. Shady Lane Drive, Gladstone, MO 64118-5049*.

■ **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 charry217@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*.

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

■ **For sale**: book, *The Rationale of Freemasonry*: Includes the meaning of allegories, the influence of social

changes and trends. 240 pages, \$20.00 postpaid. % to KTEF. Also, selling *The History of Freemasonry in Tennessee*, 483 pages, \$30.00. Both books for \$40.00. Check payable to and order from *Bob Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921*.

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

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

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

■ **For sale**: *The Medal of Honor The Letter G in Valor*, a 268-page digest with the names, congressional citations, and Lodge membership of all Masons who have received our nation's highest military award for bravery. Books may be obtained by contacting *Macy 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**.

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■ **For sale**: 6 cemetery lots in Masonic area of Acacia Park Cemetery, North Tonawanda, New York: section G 132. Asking \$1,000 each or best offer. Call *Douglas Susat, (585) 494-1491*.

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