

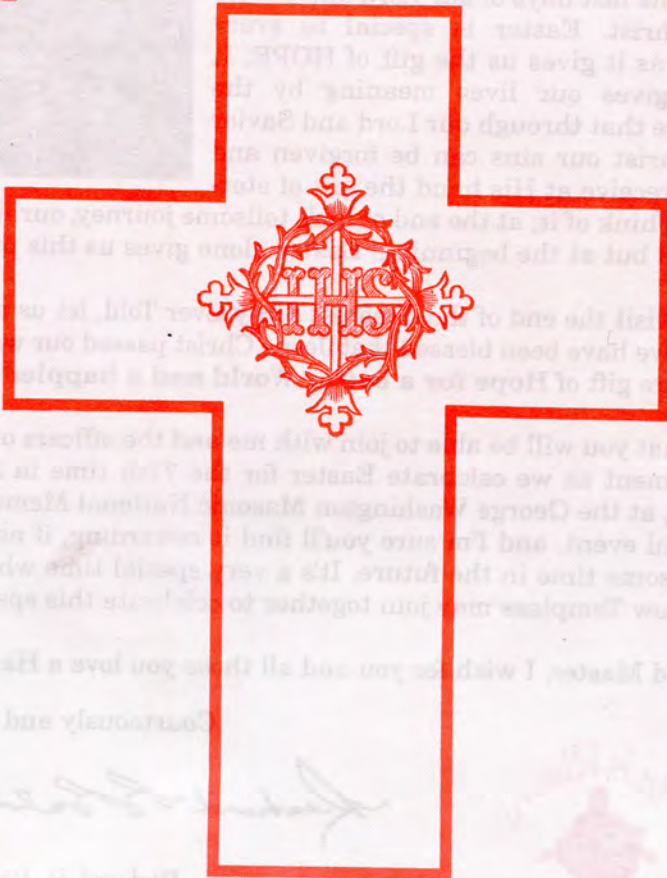


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Grand Master's 2007 Easter Message

Easter—one of the most extraordinary times to be a Knight Templar! Have you ever thought that without Jesus Christ; his Birth, Life, Death and his Resurrection; there would be no such thing as Christianity? In fact, our Noble Order would have had no reason for existence. Is it any wonder that Easter is so important to us Templars?

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. Easter is special to every Templar as it gives us the gift of HOPE. It further gives our lives meaning by the assurance that through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ our sins can be forgiven and we may receive at His hand the gift of eternal life. Think of it; at the end of life's toilsome journey, our lives are not at an end but at the beginning! Easter alone gives us this promise!



As we revisit the end of the Greatest Story Ever Told, let us also remember that we have been blessed that Jesus Christ passed our way and gave us the rare gift of **Hope for a better World and a happier tomorrow.**

I hope that you will be able to join with me and the officers of the Grand Encampment as we celebrate Easter for the 77th time in Alexandria, Virginia, at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. It is a wonderful event, and I'm sure you'll find it rewarding, if not this year, then at some time in the future. It's a very special time when you and your fellow Templars may join together to celebrate this special day.

As Grand Master, I wish for you and all those you love a Happy Easter!

Courteously and fraternally,



Richard B. Baldwin, GCT
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

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Grand Prelate's Easter Message—2007

Life Now and Unto Eternity
Matthew 28: 1-10

by Sir Knight and Reverend Robert J. Cave, KCT
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment

Sir Knight and Reverend Robert J. Cave, Right Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, presents the message below at the 77th Annual Easter Sunrise Memorial Service at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 8, 2007.

A general invitation was extended by Most Eminent Grand Master, Richard B. Baldwin, to the Sir Knights and their families and friends to join the grand officers and their Brother Christian Masons at the traditional Easter Service. For those who are unable to attend the Easter ceremony in Alexandria or who wish to read the message in addition to being there, here we share it with you.

Reverend Cave resides at 137 Glen Drive, Ridge, NY 11961.

Back in the late 1800's, the great pulpit master, Charles Hadley Spurgeon, entered the chancel on Easter Sunday morning where an empty bird cage sat on the pulpit of the great Metropolitan Tabernacle where he preached. "Let me tell you about this bird cage," Spurgeon began his sermon. He said that he had been walking the streets of London the day before, deep in thought, when he saw a young boy carrying an old, bent bird cage. Inside the cage was a tiny field sparrow. Spurgeon stopped the boy and asked him what he was going to do with the bird. "Well," said the boy, "I will play with it for a while, and when I am tired of playing with it, I will kill it." Spurgeon, having compassion for the bird, asked him how much he wanted to sell it to him. The boy responded, "You don't want this bird, mister. It is only a bleeding field sparrow." But when the lad saw that Spurgeon was serious, he said he could have him for two pounds. Two pounds was a great deal of money in those days, well over one hundred dollars today. Spurgeon paid the price and then opened the door and let the bird fly free. After Spurgeon recalled the story about the boy, the bird, and the empty cage; he said to his congregation: "That is what Christ has done for us." He said evil had caged us up, but Christ sacrificed himself to set us free.

This is what Easter is all about. Evil had caged humanity, but Christ sacrificed himself to set us free. And because of what Christ has done in his

life, death, and resurrection; we are free for a new and glorious life now and into eternity, and we see this played out in the lives of the first Christians. Because of this we, and all Christendom, have gathered the world around to celebrate Easter this morning.

After the Crucifixion we are told that Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea laid Jesus' body in the grave. It was a courageous act for, even though they had Pilate's permission, the religious leaders made it a risky thing to do. Nonetheless, they removed Jesus' body from the cross, wrapped it in linens, and placed it in the tomb.

The women had been watching this and so, noting the location, they knew where to go to see the body on that first Easter morning. It was early in the morning, just after daybreak, that they went on their sad, sorrowful, agonizing journey. Going to the grave would just prolong their grief.

There are many modern parallels to this existential grief. Some years ago when Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister of Britain, a terrorist planted a bomb in a conference room where government meetings were held. The bomb exploded, and even though Margaret Thatcher survived the explosion, some cabinet members were killed.

Margaret Thatcher regularly attended Sunday morning worship, and so she went to church the following Sunday. However, that Sunday was different. As she sang the hymns, listened to the sermon, and looked at the stained glass windows; she began to weep. She wept because everything around her seemed to have changed because of the death of her friends. All that was familiar had now changed. She knew that not only would she miss her friends but also the good times they had had together. And so Margaret wept.

If we are able to feel Margaret Thatcher's grief, maybe we can understand and feel the grief of the women on that first Easter Sunday morning. It is a grief that many of us have felt at some point in our lives. Maybe you have stood beside the grave of a loved one; a mother, father, brother, sister, wife, or husband; and felt that your whole world has changed and that your life will never be the same. That is how the women felt as they journeyed to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. And so they trudged on in silence, thinking their own thoughts, mired in sadness and despair, to mourn their beloved Jesus on that Easter morning.

But they didn't remain that way long. Soon their trudging, heavy steps were turned into energized, running leaps. They came away with a sense of exaltation. Matthew's Gospel uses such words as joy and rejoicing. You see, the women had gone to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with burial spices, but now earthshaking events came upon them with lightning swiftness. The stone covering the entrance to the tomb had been rolled away, an angel appeared, the body was gone, and then came the announcement that Jesus had risen. As a result, Matthew tells us, the women ran from the tomb with great joy. Then Jesus, the Risen Lord, met them and told them to rejoice.

In an instant, with Jesus' Resurrection, we see the victory of heaven over hell, love over hate, hope over despair, forgiveness over sin, and life over death. The women were the first to experience Easter joy, and now we with them can share the joy of the Easter promise, which is ultimate victory over all that negates life.

You see in an instant they were set free just as Spurgeon's sparrow was from the vicissitudes of life and even from the last enemy, death. They were set free for new and exciting possibilities in this world and the next. Ultimately, the disciples and we become participants with Christ in the Resurrection, and this carries with it hope. The Easter Resurrection Day celebration is a rock solid hope to which hurried and harried people can turn.

A Risen Christ means that our time, our life, is set within the parameters of eternity. No longer do we have to anguish about life's difficulty alone, suffer alone, worry alone, or be discouraged alone for we have the assurance that Christ walks with us daily just as God walked with Enoch daily. And because he walks with us, we have the certainty of victory, and with this certainty there is no end to the possibilities that await us in life.

Perhaps, the most poignant illustration of this is Saint Peter. Jesus gave Peter the name "Rock," but this was not a description of his character for he was volatile, impulsive, and likely to fail on occasion. We see this especially on the occasion of Jesus' trial. Peter had promised to follow Jesus always. But after Jesus' arrest Peter followed him only to the High Priest's house. It was there that he denied any acquaintance with Jesus when a young woman accused him of being a follower of the Lord. Peter denied this and then disappeared, perhaps slinking into the crowd, fearful for his life, leaving Jesus all alone except for a few women who watched the crucifixion from afar.

The turning point in Peter's life came when he became a witness to the Resurrection. He was then ready to do whatever Jesus instructed him to do. He became a leader in the early Church. He feared not the authorities but acted boldly and bravely and, as legend has it, suffered martyrdom, perhaps in Rome. All this happened because of the Resurrection of Jesus. He had a new hope that resulted in **new** possibilities, and he lived with the certainty of **victory** in this life. We can live such a hopeful and victorious life as well.

Even death is no barrier to that hope. While we cannot deny the reality of death for ourselves and our loved ones and the resultant grief that comes with it, we know that life does not end in the grave, and that is a hope that we can cling to even in the darkest of times. We have that promise from Christ who said, "Because I live, you shall live also."

When George H. Bush was Vice President, he represented the United States at the funeral of Leonid Brezhnev of the former Soviet Union. Since the U.S.S.R. was officially an atheistic country, the funeral was cold and militaristic. There were no hymns, prayers, nor any mention of God. Vice President Bush was close to the casket, and he saw what Mrs. Brezhnev did when she walked up to take one last look at her husband in the casket. She reached over and traced the design of the cross on her husband's chest. Even in the midst of an atheistic state, cold and militaristic, and the grief of losing her husband; hope came to Mrs. Brezhnev because she believed in the Resurrection of Christ and the promise of eternal life for all who believe in Him.

There is no silence on the other side of the grave. There is the assurance of encountering the living Christ and this is what Easter is all about.

And so we celebrate Easter this morning. Easter is about life and death and victory over death. It is about going from trudging through life with head hung low to running and jumping joyously and being alive with

new possibilities. It is about glorious hope in life because of Christ and having the assurance that there is life beyond the grave.

Because of this we can echo the words of the great hymn: we can "Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song. Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong." Easter means that we have a future, a bright future here and now and after death because of Christ.

Take this faith to your heart now, this morning, and live triumphantly.
Amen

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New Life

by Doug Ridley

The cross

of shame and sorrow
stands alone
upon the hill of death—
its task complete.

The king who suffered there
could not defeat
our greatest enemy.

No other's known,

it's said
such agony.
His dying groan,
beneath his crown of thorns—

a kingly feat
of saving love—
made this our mercy-seat.

A sign

still hangs,
declares this cross his throne.

An empty cross,

and, now,
an empty tomb—

the one

who ruled in death
now lives again;
for God unloosed him
from the grave's strong chains,
and raised him up.

Now he's become the womb

from which our spirit births,
completely new—
our sinful self reborn
to new life, too.

Poem courtesy of Reverend Doug Ridley, 2006 Holy Land Pilgrimage minister, from his Lenten booklet, *The Measure of All Things*. He is pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, 501 Race Street, Cambridge, MD 21613-2331.

A Time To Look Ahead

by Pastor Emeritus and
Sir Knight Donald C. Kerr

Did you ever say to yourself, "I wish I were a child again"? If you were a child, you would wish you were older. A boy who is six wants to be twelve, and if twelve, he would like to be eighteen. But when you are seventy or eighty or ninety, you wish you were twenty or forty or thirty. Everyone, I guess, fights against time.

When we think about it, however, the Creator of time designed it to go forward. Life is made to go forward, not backwards. Hopes are for the future, not for the past.

Nature follows this course of creation. According to Rollo Man: "Nature does not require that we be perfect; it requires only that we grow." The amazing miracle of Nature is that it is never static. Spring follows winter. Flowers come when the earth is warmer. Days are longer when the sun is brighter.

Two ceremonies in this season of the year remind us of this forward motion. Easter looks to the future and the rebirth of life. Passover also reminds its people of a new horizon of freedom and liberation. This is God's way of regeneration, bringing hope out of fear and putting before us the vision of a new beginning. The evolution of time moves along without delay with new vistas always unfolding.

A joyful Easter and memorable Passover to all!

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**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**

During the 63rd Triennial business sessions and Triennial meeting of the KTEF, I mentioned the fact that a Dr. Hurwitz, who received one of our grants, has developed a cure for Retinoblastoma, a cancer of the eye in children. What follows is a lay version of the articles which were published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* and the *American Journal of Pathology*. Both articles gave credit to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for our support of their research:



Lay Summary of Progress in Retinoblastoma Research

by Richard L. Hurwitz, M.D.

"Retinoblastoma is the most common cancer of the eye in children. As the tumors grow in the retina, pieces may break off and grow as additional small tumors that float in the vitreous within the eye (vitreous seeds). This complication usually requires enucleation or removal of the eye. Metastatic retinoblastoma, especially when the brain is affected, is usually fatal. Our laboratory studies new approaches to treating retinoblastoma and its complications, that will allow preservation of the eye of children with vitreous tumor seeds and treatment of patients with metastatic disease. Using a common cold virus modified to be harmless to humans as a carrier, potentially therapeutic genes that are cytotoxic to specific cells can be delivered. We have developed a mouse model of vitreous seeds and have used the model to show that this virus can be used to treat this complication of retinoblastoma. We used the same virus construct in a preliminary clinical trial, and the treatment appeared to be effective in treating vitreous seeds in children. Our laboratory is now developing additional treatment strategies using virus technology to prevent and possibly treat metastatic retinoblastoma. With our mouse model of metastatic retinoblastoma, we have shown that this therapy prevented the spread of retinoblastoma to the brain. Importantly, the treatment was not toxic to the animals. These new treatment strategies target tumor cells only and have the potential to be more effective and less toxic than current therapeutic options for these complications of retinoblastoma."

Dr. Hurwitz received one of our KTEF grants several years ago, and this is the result: another medical miracle, which your efforts made possible! Another grant

has been awarded to a young lady who works in his laboratory. She is working on another step forward in this battle against cancer of the eye in children.

Kenneth B. Fischer
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A Golden Chalice was presented to Sir Knight James S. Crosby, Past Division Commander of Division 6, Pennsylvania, and a Past Commander and member of Mountain Commandery No. 10, Altoona, Pennsylvania. It was presented by Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes at the Past Commanders Association Banquet in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, February 3, 2007.

Pictured left to right are Sir Knights: Fred R. Kaylor, P.D.C. and editor of the Pennsylvania Supplement; Charles A. Garnes, H.P.D.C., P.G.C. of Pennsylvania, and a Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.; James S. Crosby, P.C. and Past Division Commander, Division No. 6; and G. Robert Kulback, Division Commander of Division No. 6.



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On the Masonic Newsfront

Damascus Commandery No. 2, Florida, Knights Eight Companions



Early 2007 Damascus Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar in Jacksonville, Florida, created eight new Sir Knights at an All-Order Day at the Jacksonville York Rite Masonic Temple. This was the York Rite class which had begun receiving the Capitular and Cryptic degrees in the fall of 2006.

The day included breakfast at 8:00 A.M., the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross beginning at 9:00 A.M., the Order of Malta at 10:30 A.M., lunch, and the Order of the Temple at 1:00 P.M. Sir Knight Steve Barnett presided in the East for the Order of the Red Cross; Sir Knight Charles Middleton, P.C., presided as Prior for the Order of Malta; and Sir Knight Albert B. Russ, P.C., acted as Eminent Commander for the Order of the Temple, while Sir Knight W. Ronald Taylor, P.G.C., assisted as Sr. Warden.

Pictured above are the new Sir Knights with Damascus No. 2 officers, dignitaries, and others who assembled after the Orders to wish them well. The new Sir Knights, shown in the 1st row from left to right, are: William Wallace, Donald Butler, Richard Cobb, Aaron Dozier, Adam Newell, Travis Cann, John Wigger, and Leonard Lee.

Sir Knights shown, left to right in the 2nd row, are: C. Robert Cooper, P.C., Prelate; Samuel D. Hope, C.G.; and to the right of center: W. Ronald Taylor, P.G.C. of Florida; Emmett W. Mills, Jr., R.E.G.C., Grand Commandery of Michigan (visiting); and Walter M. Hammond, Recorder of Damascus Commandery No. 2.

In the back row, left to right, are Sir Knights: Corbin P. Elliott, P.C.; Samuel D. Reasor, P.C.; William McClean, P.C.; Darryl A. D'Angina, P.C., GRAC of Grand

Chapter, Florida; Leland E. Stanford III, E.C.; Albert B. Russ, P.C.; Billy Collier, P.C.; William Ellis; J. A. "Tony" Morrow; and Lewis E. Duffey, Sr. Warden of Damascus Commandery No. 2. (submitted by Sir Knight Charles "Chic" Cicero, Florida Supplement editor and E.G.Jr.W., Florida Grand Commandery)

New Mexico Sir Knights Form the Arch of Steel for Worthy President of Farmington Assembly, S.O.O.B.



Early in 2007 the Sir Knights of Shiprock Commandery No. 15, Farmington, New Mexico, had the pleasure of forming an Arch of Steel for Mrs. Karen Ellsbury, the newly installed Worthy President of Farmington Assembly No. 241, Social Order of the Beauceant. The Grand Commander of New Mexico, Sir Knight Dennis P. Herman, presented her with a dozen roses and escorted her through the Arch of Steel. Two Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knights Jesse O. Martindale (left front) and Robert L. Haupert (right front) helped form the Arch. (submitted by New Mexico Supplement editor, Sir Knight Robert J. Keene, P.G.C.)

Spartanburg Commandery No. 3, South Carolina Confers York Rite Degees and Orders

Spartanburg No. 3 conferred the degrees and orders of the York Rite on eighteen candidates on February 16 and 17, 2007.

Starting on Friday evening, the 16th, they conferred the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the first half of the Royal Arch degree. Each candidate received a "half shekel of silver" for his mark in the Mark Master degree. The work resumed on Saturday, the 17th, at which time the

eighteen candidates received the remainder of the Royal Arch degree. They then received the Royal Master and Select Master degrees and the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross. After this all enjoyed a delicious meal, prepared and served by Past Commander Fred Thompson and his lady. The work resumed with the conferral of the Mediterranean Pass and the Order of Malta in short form. The Order of the Temple was then conferred in full form. All candidates received an Order of Malta cross and a Red Cross medal.



The Sir Knights conferring the Order of the Temple are shown in the front row, from left to right: Dr. George Peters, Douglas Knauer, Howard Tucker, Don S. Blair, Phillip Graham, Daniel Rhymer, Walter Johnson, Bobby Sprouse (standing), and Eddie Mitchell. All except Daniel Rhymer are past officers of the Spartanburg York Rite Bodies. Dr. Peters is R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in Grand Council, SC. Bobby Sprouse is P.M.I. Grand Master of Grand Council, SC, and Don S. Blair is R.E.P.G.C., Grand Commandery, SC. Standing, left, second row, is Allen Chandler, P.C. of Spartanburg No. 3, who gave all the lectures for the York Rite degrees and orders. (submitted by Sir Knight Don S. Blair)

IN MEMORIAM



Walter S. Lawrence
Washington
Grand Commander—1998
Born: March 12, 1910
Died: January 16, 2007

Ralph Chester Rackliff, Jr.
Maine
Grand Commander—1975
Born: July 30, 1922
Died: January 17, 2007

MASONRY IN NEW MEXICO

by W. Peter McAtee

The history of Masonry in New Mexico is in essence the early history of New Mexico in that Master Masons contributed so much.

One of the early pioneers was Dr. John H. Robinson, who accompanied Pike in his expedition exploring the West. Dr. Robinson was affiliated with Western Star Lodge No. 107, Missouri, which worked on a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. On February 7, 1806, Dr. Robinson left the Pike expedition to make his way to Santa Fe. He reached there "after suffering untold hardships and exposure." Dr. Robinson was typical of early Masons coming to New Mexico. One was Dr. Rowland Willard, Junior Warden of Hiram Lodge No. 3, St. Charles, Missouri, who visited New Mexico in 1825. A great many of the early trappers were Freemasons; just how many shall never be known as many of the early records of the Lodges have been lost or burnt.

During the first ten years following Mexican independence a large number of trappers visited the Southwest. Brother Stephen Cooper, a trapper, went through New Mexico in 1821-1822, visiting in Santa Fe and Taos. Another, George C. Yount, became intimately acquainted with Brothers St. Vrain, Bent, Kit Carson and others headquartered in Taos.

In the spring of 1847, a requisition was made for troops from Missouri, and acting on orders of Governor John Ralls, Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, a company was raised for service in Mexico. "The Third Regiment of Volunteer Missouri Militia" reached

Santa Fe in September 1847. Ralls assumed Masonic jurisdiction of the territory of New Mexico in the name of the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Lodges in New Mexico remained under that jurisdiction until the organization of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico in 1877.

During the Mexican War the territory of New Mexico and Arizona was taken over by the United States Army under General Stephen Watts Kearny. General Kearny occupied Las Vegas, New Mexico, without opposition on August 15, 1846. Three days later he entered Santa Fe and issued a proclamation taking formal possession of the territory. The proclamation assured the inhabitants of freedom of worship and protection of property. Before General Kearny left New Mexico, he proclaimed a code of laws for the area known as the Kearny Code. Brother Charles Bent, later Governor Bent, was appointed the first American governor. Brother Sterling Price, Colonel under General Kearny, was left in charge at Santa Fe. In January 1847 Colonel Price quelled an insurrection at Taos in which Governor Bent was assassinated. Colonel Price was a member of Warren Lodge No. 74, Keytesville, Missouri.

We now turn to the Military Lodges. The first was "Missouri Military Lodge No. 86," chartered by Grand Master Ralls. It held its first meeting in Independence, Missouri. It was called an ambulant or traveling Lodge "holding its communications when called to labor in the movement of troops as occasion permitted." On September 18, 1847, a special meeting was held at Santa Fe and El

Paso; also meetings were held at Santa Cruz, State of Chihuahua, Mexico, with the last meeting being held in Santa Cruz, July 5, 1848.

Hardin Military Lodge No. 87 was created at a meeting of Military Lodge No. 86 in Santa Fe, on October 8, 1847. At this meeting a petition was presented for a dispensation of a Lodge which "should be without limit to a particular location but to be itinerant as may best suit the convenience of its members and be only limited in its duration to six months after the close of the Mexican War." This Lodge apparently was attached to First Regiment of Illinois Fort Volunteers. The record shows Military Lodge No. 87 had its meeting in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Vegas, New Mexico. All records of the Hardin Military Lodge have been lost.

Next are the two Lodges at Fort Union. Military forts were established throughout New Mexico by the American Army for protection against Indians. The first of these was Fort Marcy in Santa Fe. Next was Fort Union, which became the headquarters of the Ninth Military Department.

Fort Union is important to the history of Freemasonry in the Southwest because it was here that Chapman and Union Lodges were established. Chapman Lodge was first organized as Missouri Lodge No. 95 and Union Lodge as Missouri Lodge No. 480. The first communication of Chapman Lodge was held March 28, 1862.

On May 24, 1867, for military reasons, the Lodges were requested to move outside of the Government reservation, the last meeting at the Fort being held on July 27, 1867. Thereafter, Chapman Lodge was permanently established in Las Vegas. It was one of the four Lodges instrumental in organizing the Grand Lodge of New Mexico in August 1877 and was chartered as Chapman Lodge No. 2.

For several years the Masons at Fort Union were without a Lodge and pre-

sumably attended meetings at Chapman Lodge some 30 miles away. A petition to organize a new Lodge at the Fort was sought. Union Lodge received its dispensation on May 30, 1874, and was chartered on October 15, 1874. When Fort Union was abandoned, Union Lodge erected a hall at Watrous. Because the activity of the Lodge depended on members living in Wagon Mound, it was decided to remove to that place where the first communication was held June 30, 1919.

The first Mason to settle in New Mexico was Charles Bent. This extraordinary man was born in what is now West Virginia. He had a good education, some military training, and some knowledge of medicine. In 1828 Charles Bent and his associates established trading posts along the line extending from the 100th meridian on the Arkansas River, along the river north to its source, to the 42nd parallel, and then west to the Pacific Ocean. The most important was Bent's Fort, completed in 1842, 650 miles west of Fort Leavenworth and to the west of La Junta, Colorado. Bent established a system of safe trade between the United States and Mexico. He was a member of Missouri Lodge No. 1, St. Louis.

Another distinguished pioneer Freemason was Dr. David Waldo, also a member of Missouri No. 1. Dr. Waldo engaged in the fur trade with a store in Taos. He was an uncle of Henry L. Waldo, later Chief Justice of the territory of New Mexico and Grand Master of the Masons in New Mexico in 1878. In 1869 when Bent Lodge No. 204 was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, Dr. Waldo deeded the site for the Lodge Hall.

*This article will continue
in the May 2007 issue.*

Time to Tuck-point?

by Sir Knight George J. Harrison
Past Grand Commander of Iowa

I've been thinking a lot lately about buildings; their structural integrity and how sound they are, their state of repair and cost of maintenance, and what it takes to maintain them—especially brick and stone buildings. After all, I work in a structure that is 80 years old.

Tuck-pointing is defined as “the process of removing old mortar from between bricks or stones and replacing it with new mortar.” It is often done to walls of building that have begun to deteriorate, have become so worn by the elements that they no longer provide the protection and support for which they were erected. If ignored and allowed to deteriorate further, they can even become a danger to those in and around the structure.

As Masons, we are taught to use the tools of operative Masonry as the building blocks with which we erect the Temple of Souls, our Masonic Character. In the first degree we are presented with the 24-inch gauge and the common gavel and taught to divide our time and divest ourselves of the vices and superfluities of life. As a Fellowcraft, the plumb teaches us to walk uprightly before God and man, using the square to square our actions and the level to remind us that we are walking on that level of time to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns. Finally, we are presented with the Master's especial tool, the trowel, to be used to spread the cement of brotherly love and friendship, that cement which binds to stones presented earlier into the structure of our character.

If you are a Master Mason—really and truly a Master Mason—you know that there is far more. Additional stones are presented in the lectures of the three Symbolic degrees. Still more are quarried in the degrees and orders of the York Rite and those of the Scottish Rite. As we advance in Masonry, our inner structure, if properly attended to, raises more stately and magnificent.

As an operative building needs constant maintenance to keep it whole and sound, so does the structure of our Masonic character. But even with regular maintenance, over time, tuck-pointing will become necessary for a building. The

same holds true for the structure of our Masonic character. We must continually maintain ourselves Masonically by continually participating in the degrees and practicing the truths that they teach.

How do you know if it's time for a little Masonic tuck-pointing? First, step outside yourself and take a critical look at yourself. Have you lost your temper at someone who you think isn't driving fast enough? Have you waved a finger at someone that “cut you off”? Have you sat and talked about a Brother in an unkind manner? Have you repeated a confidence or disliked someone simply because they were a different race or nationality or practiced a different religion? Have you stopped talking to someone because they didn't agree with what you thought, lost your patience with your wife, children or grandchildren, or with a friend or Brother? Have you used God's name in vain lately or driven over the speed limit or overindulged in food or drink?

If you are guilty of any of these, even just a little guilty, perhaps it's time that the structure of your Masonic character underwent a little speculative tuck-pointing.

So what is speculative tuck-pointing? Relearn the lessons taught to you in the degrees. Better yet, help introduce others to them. Attend the degrees of the Rites, both Scottish and York. Not a member of one or the other? Join. The lessons of both Rites become clearer when you participate in both Rites.

Now that you have been reintroduced to the teachings of Masonry, begin to practice them—**every day**. The more you practice them the more they will become part and parcel of your daily life. And when this is done, you will be able to look at yourself in the mirror at the end of the day and know you have done what you believed to be best for yourself, for your Brother, for your family, for your country, and for your God.

Oh, yes, and by the way, if the next time you see me, you notice a little scaffolding around the structure of my Masonic character, don't be surprised. I will be undergoing a little speculative tuck-pointing.

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The Golden Fleece and the Hiramic Legend

by Brother C. Bruce Hunter

What do the Golden Fleece and the Hiramic legend have in common? Nothing, really. But putting them together helps make a point.

Most people think the story of the Golden Fleece is a myth, but it isn't. It's a legend. The difference, of course, is that one doesn't have an historic basis, while the other does.

The real golden fleece

In this case the historic basis is the fact that, according to many historians, the ancient people of the Caucasus (to the east of the Black Sea) had a secret process for extracting gold from their rivers. They placed a sheepskin in the river and weighted it down to keep it from floating away. Since river sand didn't stick to the fleece but gold did, the sheepskin eventually became laden with gold dust. It literally became a golden fleece, from which a significant amount of the valuable metal could be extracted.

The legend named for this technology recalls efforts by the ancient Greeks to learn the secret process for their own benefit. And since the Hiramic story is generally regarded as a legend, it may well have a similar historic basis.

Indeed, apparently it does. It is set at the time of the building of King Solomon's Temple and tells of a Tyrian architect who came to Israel to build the temple and who brought with him a secret, which some of the local workmen tried to extract from him.

The point to remember is that the architect was from Tyre, while his workers were presumably Israelites. This may seem a trivial distinction,

but it actually directs our attention to the history behind the legend.

The legend's history

It goes without saying that Masonic legends operate on more than one level, and one of the levels on which this legend operates is purely historical.

By King Solomon's time, Tyre had become a world trading power. It had been in business for about two centuries and had acquired considerable wealth. And along with its wealth, it had developed considerable skill in a variety of arts and crafts, not the least of which was architecture.

Meanwhile, Israel was still a largely agricultural society. Its tribes had only recently united under a single king, and they were just beginning to turn their attention to acquiring the necessities and benefits that go along with being a nation.

At the time, Israel lacked many of the things a people need if they want to call themselves a nation. For example, it didn't have a national temple, and this is one thing its third king, Solomon, meant to rectify.

The problem was that another thing Israel didn't have was anyone who knew how to build a temple large enough and grand enough to serve all the people. Fortunately, Tyre did.

This is why Solomon imported an architect from Tyre, and it may well be the "historic" reason some of the workers tried to extract his secret.

Hiram's historic secret

Undoubtedly a Tyrian architect would know a number of trade secrets stemming from his country's architectural heritage, which at the time was far ahead of Israel's. And it is quite reasonable to assume that some in Israel would pay a great deal to have those

secrets—or more precisely, they believed they would be *paid* a great deal if they had them. Trade secrets are, after all, a valuable commodity, and Israel was on the move. It was developing rapidly, and its people must have been envious of—and eager to acquire—a share of their northern neighbor's relatively advanced culture.

We should have no trouble believing that the Israelites, like the Greeks with the golden fleece, were keen to ferret out a few of their neighbor's "tricks of the trade" for their own benefit. If so, the early Masonic ritualists probably knew the scenario they were

creating was plausible on historic as well as symbolic grounds. In fact, it may well have been the "historic" grounds that suggested the legend to them in the first place.

Consequently, it seems the central Masonic legend, which operates on other levels as well, also contains more of an historic foundation than we might have thought.

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Illinois Commandery Sells Templar Belt Buckle to Benefit KTEF

Bethel Commandery No. 36, Palatine, Illinois, is offering a belt buckle for sale to honor the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Commandery of Illinois and to financially benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The buckle is solid brass and made in the USA. Emblazoned upon it is a Cross and Crown, under which is the motto of our order: "In Hoc Signo Vinces."

The buckles are \$50.00 each, and the

entire amount goes to the KTEF. A generous Sir Knight paid for the buckles out of his pocket. Each purchaser will also become an Associate Patron of the KTEF. To order, please mail a check in the amount of \$55.00 (includes \$5.00 postage and handling) payable to Bethel Commandery No. 36, KT; C/O Bradley L. Baker, Recorder; 151 Lamont Parkway; Barlett; IL 60103. Include your name, address, telephone number, and Commandery to which you belong. Questions? Call: (630) 886-7088.



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Brother Powel Crosley, Jr.:

Queen City Entrepreneur, Industrialist, and Sportsman

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KCT, KYCH, 33°

Some people are born innovators although it may take some time for them to find their proper niche, so to speak. The subject of this sketch made his mark in life as an inventor, a businessman, a radio pioneer, and as owner of a major league baseball team, all in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. Brother Powel Crosley wore a number of hats in his varied career, and while he had his share of disappointments, by and large he demonstrated a considerable degree of success. Today, his name is probably best remembered for the ball park that bore his name during what many consider the Golden Age of the National Game, but he was much more than that.

Powel Crosley, Jr., was born in Cincinnati on September 18, 1886, the son of Charlotte Utz and Powel Crosley, Sr., an attorney who had moved his practice to the Queen City area of Cincinnati, Ohio, from Warren County. As a youth, he attended public schools in the College Hill section and then attended the Ohio Military Institute from which he was graduated in 1905. From childhood, he demonstrated a great deal of energy in gadgets and new technological developments. At the age of twelve, he built a four-wheeled wagon powered with an electric motor and sold it to his father, who had promised him he would buy it for ten dollars if it worked. To his father's surprise it did work! The proud youngster repaid his eight dollar expense, gave his investor-brother Lewis a dollar, and "gloatingly pocketed" a ten percent profit. Over the next sixty years, he would pocket several million more.



Brother Crosley in the 1920s

The youngster entered the University of Cincinnati's engineering school and then switched to law, but he was too restless to stick with either. Automobiles were his first love, and it was said that he dropped out of college to take a chauffeur's job just so he could drive one. He worked at a variety of other jobs and built his first car, called the "Marathon Six" in 1907, but the financial Panic of 1907 ended his hopes to put it into production. Powel planned to enter a car in the Indianapolis 500 but had to drop out when he broke his arm. Starting a firm called the American Automobile Accessories Company, he made and marketed a number of byproducts and accessories that included a gasoline fortifier called "gastronic," a radiator cap that doubled as a flag holder (very popular during World War I), and a device to

help keep the car back in line after it had hit a rock in a bumpy road that he termed "the litl shofur." By 1920 the company was also making phonograph cabinets, canoes, and printed advertising. Meanwhile in 1910, Crosley married Gwendolyn Aiken on October 17, and the couple had two children, Powel III and Martha. Mrs. Crosley died in 1939, and the widower eventually married two more times and was widowed once more.

Powel Crosley began his Masonic journey in 1917 in College Hill Lodge No. 641. He was initiated on September 27, passed on November 15, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on December 20, 1917. Powel Crosley, Sr., had previously been a member of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356 in Cincinnati but had demitted and affiliated with College Hill Lodge about the same time the son was taking his degree work. The father remained a member until his death in 1932 and the son until his death in 1961. He also joined the Valley of Cincinnati, A.A.S.R., completing his work on May 22, 1919, and became a member of Syrian Shrine Temple on May 24, 1919.

Meanwhile, Powel Crosley found a new interest, one that would provide him with his greatest fame, success, and wealth. Radio became a new fad, and young Powel III wanted one. The father shopped around a bit but found that they cost at least one hundred dollars. Thrifty by nature, he spent 25 cents on a booklet called *The ABCs of Radio*, then bought some parts, and built one for less than twenty-five dollars. As Henry Ford was then doing for the automobile, Powel Crosley soon did the same for radio. He built and marketed a radio that the masses could afford and made himself a multimillionaire in the process.

By the beginning of 1922, Crosley was selling many radios, and in March 1922, so his buyers would have something to hear, he started station WLW. Within a decade this station became known as "the Nation's Station," and, with 500,000 watts of power, 700 on your AM radio dial had become the most powerful broadcasting outlet in the world. It was said you could hear the station over barbed wire fences and the metal fillings in your teeth! While Crosley himself did the first broadcasts from his home, once the station really took off, Crosley left most of the day-to-day management to others. Many programs that originated from there eventually made it big on the networks including *Moon River*, *Midwestern Hayride* (first known as *Boone County Jamboree*), *Plantation Party*, and the long running soap opera, *Ma Perkins*. Under Crosley Broadcasting and its successor Avco Corporation (after 1945), such regional and national stars developed as Doris Day, Rosemary and Barbara Clooney, Red Skelton, Ruth Lyons, Paul Dixon, Bob Braun, and Phil Donohue.

In addition to radio manufacturing and broadcasting, Crosley's corporation turned out other products. Perhaps the most successful was the refrigerator known as the "Shelvador," the first refrigerator to contain shelves on the inside of the door. Powel Crosley offered the inventor a twenty-five cent royalty for each one sold, but the man insisted on a \$15,000 cash payment instead. Crosley paid the \$15,000 and came out ahead on the deal. Other products in the Crosley line included the "Roamio," the first car radio in 1930; "Koolrest," an air conditioner; "Icyball," a portable refrigerator; "Tredkote," a tire patch; "Driklenit," an auto polish; and "X-er-

vac," a scalp massage. Some of the products were a bit ahead of their time and not really successful until later, but they demonstrated the man's love for innovation and tinkering. Some of these products were his own, and some were bought from others.

In 1934 Powel Crosley purchased the controlling interest in the virtually bankrupt Cincinnati Baseball Club Company at the urging of General Manager Larry McPhail. He was not a dedicated fan, but he did want the franchise to remain in the Queen City area. With McPhail's guidance he made improvements to Redland Field, renaming it Crosley Field, and installed lights. On May 24, 1935, more than 20,000 fans watched the Reds defeat the Phillies in the Major League night game. That contest and six others helped boost team attendance. Four more years elapsed before the Reds, under the management of Brother Bill McKechnie, brought home league pennants in 1939 and 1940, with a World Series win over Detroit in the latter year. The authors of the authoritative team history, *Redleg Journal*, described the club's longtime owner: "a private man, Crosley preferred to remain behind the scenes as club owner and gave his general managers control of personnel decisions." He did, however, inaugurate Shrine Night at Crosley Field.

Brother Crosley still dreamed of bringing an inexpensive, compact automobile to the masses. In 1939 he was ready to launch his Crosley car through department store outlets. His original plan for the Crosley auto was for it to sell for \$325 and get fifty miles to a gallon of gasoline. World War II intervened before he could have much success. By September 1944, it appeared that the War would soon be

winding down, and as WLW historian Dick Perry phrased it, "Mr. Crosley dusted off his dream and started all over again." Accordingly, in 1945 he sold WLW for sixteen million dollars to Aviation Corporation (which ironically had once manufactured another legendary car, the Cord). In 1947 this company became Avco Broadcasting. Powel Crosley still owned the Reds, but for six years he turned over the presidency to Warren Giles. He then could concentrate virtually all of his efforts on Crosley Motors.

The auto manufacturing plant was located in Marion, Indiana. Initially, things started off well enough. To again quote Dick Perry's *Not Just a Sound*, "at the end of the first official sales year (July 31, 1947), more than sixteen thousand of the little cars had been sold at \$888 each, and Crosley Motors showed a profit of \$476,065. The next year thirty thousand of the little things were sold." Crosley Motors had two more good years. Then came the Korean War and a scarcity of material which increased steel prices along with a sharp jump in labor costs. Sales dropped to 4,000 in 1951 and to just under 2,000 in 1952. After three straight years of annual million dollar losses, the Crosley auto died. The Marion plant closed and was sold to General Tire for \$60,000. Ironically, before the fifties ended, the German import Volkswagen made a hit with American consumers, suggesting that the Crosley may have been just a decade ahead of its time.

After Warren Giles became National League President, Brother Powel Crosley resumed the executive position with the Cincinnati Baseball Club Company, a position he retained for the rest of his life. The Reds had fallen into the second division in 1945,

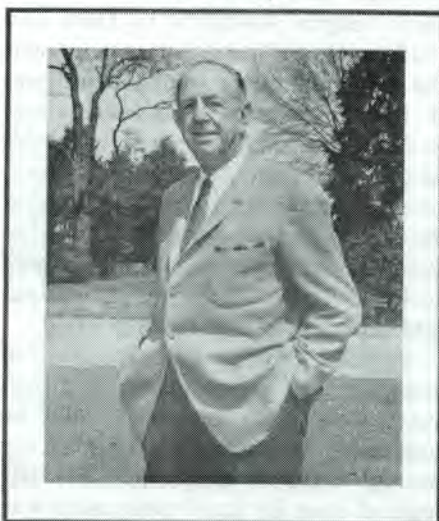
where they remained for a decade although they did provide their fans with some exciting moments. One came in 1947 when long, lanky sidearm pitcher, Ewell "the Whip" Blackwell (a Mason) had his phenomenal 22-8 season. In the mid-fifties the team produced a number of powerful hitters typified by the muscular Ted Kluzewski, and also including such long ball hitters as Gus Bell, Wally Post, and future Hall of Famer, Frank Robinson. In 1956 the Reds proved to be not only a strong contender but also amassed a team record with 221 home runs. They also became the first Reds team to draw over a million fans at home. Crosley continued to remain in the background in that era with Gabe Paul as General Manager and Birdie Tebbetts as the most successful field manager in that period.

One of Crosley's last acts as club president and principal owner was to hire William O. "Bill" DeWitt (33rd in the Valley of Cincinnati, 1972) as general manager on November 8, 1960. Brother Crosley died unexpectedly four months later, but the leadership of DeWitt and manager Fred Hutchison brought the Reds the league pennant in 1961, their first in twenty-one years. Crosley's daughter and heir, Mrs. Stanley Kess, subsequently sold her stock to DeWitt.

After Crosley Motors died in 1952, Powel Crosley lived on for another nine years. Although of retirement age, he remained active as Reds' president and as a member of the board of directors of the Fifth Third Union Trust and of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. Some years after Gwendolyn's death, he married again to Eva Brokaw, but she died in 1954. Two years later, at seventy, he wed a third time to Charlotte Wilson, who would survive

him. He also served on hospital boards and spent time on his two farms, in Indiana and Georgia, and owned other homes in Canada and South Carolina in addition to his residence on Kipling Avenue in Queen City; he maintained an office in the Carew Tower. An avid yachtsman, he also kept close tabs on the Reds. Powel Crosley III preceded his father in death, so daughter, Mrs. Stanley Kess, was his only surviving child when he passed on March 28, 1961, just as the team was ready to go north. Later a mural was unveiled at Crosley Field, highlighting major events in the life of the forty-three year member of College Hill Lodge who had contributed so much to the Queen City of the West. Crosley Field was replaced by a new park in 1970, but forty-five years after his death his legacy continues. WLW remains as a major radio station, and

In Memory



POWEL CROSLY, JR.
SEPTEMBER 16, 1896 — MARCH 28, 1961

Memorial page from the
Cincinnati Reds' Yearbook, 1961

the Reds still take the field for 162 games each season.

NOTE: The major source for the life of Powel Crosley is Dick Perry's *Not Just a Sound: The Story of WLW* (Prentice-Hall, 1973), along with several books on the Cincinnati Reds. Ill. Brother George Braatz, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, supplied his Blue Lodge records, Harry Carpenter of the Valley of Cincinnati his Scottish

Rite records, and the staff of Syrian Shrine Temple for the AAONMS. Thanks also to Sir Knight Norman Lincoln of Eaton, Ohio, and Sir Knight Roger E. Van Dyke, who proof-read the manuscript.

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Another Ode to the Skull

by Sir Knight Rex R. Hutchens
Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Master, Arizona

In my peregrinations about this country (and others), I have had an opportunity to speak with various Knights of various orders, whose entrance into knighthood was occasioned by the drinking of wine from a skull. Some expressed discomfort about the act, and others remarked that a plastic substitute was used, though the shape was appropriate. Some thought the use of the real thing was somehow disrespectful of the dead. Well, let us just say that reasonable men may differ, and I present the thoughts of Lord Byron, better expressing the notion than I could, regarding the practice.

Lines Inscribed upon a Cup formed from a Skull

Start not—nor deem my spirit fled;
In me behold the only skull,
From which, unlike a living head,
Whatever flows is never dull.

I lived, I loved, I quaffed, like thee;
I died: let earth my bones resign.
Fill up—thou can'st not injure me;
The worm hath fouler lips than thine.

Better to hold the sparkling grape,
Than nurse the earth-worm's slimy brood,
And circle in the goblet's shape
The drink of gods, than reptile's food.

Where once my wit, perchance has shone
In aid of other's let me shine;
And when, alas! Our brains are gone,
What nobler substitute than wine?

Quaff while thou can'st, another race,
When thou and thine, like me are sped
May rescue thee from earth's embrace,
And rhyme and revel with the dead.

Why no—since through life's little day
Our heads such sad effects produce?
Redeem'd from worms the wasting clay,
This chance is theirs, to be of use.

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Shreveport Assembly No. 60, S.O.O.B., Shreveport, Louisiana



Fall 2006, Shreveport No. 60, Social Order of the Beauceant, collected toys for the Toys for Tots Christmas drive. Their other charities are the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Shrine Hospital Transportation fund. Firemen from station No. 7 in Shreveport collect the toys for distribution and have dinner with the Sir Knights. In the picture: back row, left to right: Mrs. Pat Dickson, Worthy President, with firemen; Chris McInnis, Capt. Paul Keith, Richard Reynolds, Capt. Mark Guastella, and Logan Hunt; front row: in the center is Supreme Assistant Marshal, Mrs. Charles England, with other members of Shreveport, surrounded by toys.

Columbus Assembly No. 226, S.O.O.B., Columbus, Indiana, Donates Items to Shelter



Columbus No. 226, Social Order of the Beauceant, has donated \$100.00 each year for items needed by Turning Point, a domestic abuse shelter where women and their children can find refuge. The shelter has a 70% success rate in helping its clients overcome domestic violence. Pictured, left to right, with some of the items, are: Mrs. Ed Brown, Past President; Mrs. Marion Crum, Worthy President; Arriann Custer, Case

Manager/Shelter Director; Dana Fisher, Turning Point Director of Residential Services; and Mrs. Wilford Lutes, the current Supreme Mistress of Wardrobe.

Jacksonville Assembly No. 220, S.O.O.B., Florida—Official Visit

On page 27 is a picture of the members of Jacksonville No. 226 at the Official Visit of Mrs. David E. (Sonja) Alcon, Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, early in 2007. Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliot, who submitted this news item, writes: "The Assembly supports all of the York Rite bodies in Jacksonville, but more especially Damascus Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar and the other



Commanderies in the area.” In the picture, 4th from the left, first row, Mrs. Alcon, the wife of David E. Alcon, P.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, was accompanied by Mrs. Joseph Chalker, wife of Joseph F. Chalker, P.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Maryland, and both husbands also attended the Visit.

Worker Bee Award Goes to Alice Sholine at Official Visit of Supreme Worthy President Alcon to Sheridan Assembly No. 131, Wyoming

Pictured at right is Mrs. Ed Sholine (Alice) of Sheridan Assembly No. 131, Sheridan, Wyoming, receiving the Worker Bee Award and pin. They were presented by Mrs. David E. Alcon (Sonja), Supreme President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, during her Official Visitation to Sheridan Assembly. Mrs. Sholine has volunteered for the Wyoming Theater, YMCA, Visions Beyond Borders, Wesleyan Church, and Sheridan County Hospital Blood Draw. She sings with the Sheridanaires, and helps at the senior citizen center, Lunch Together Soup Kitchen, Sheridan County Health Clinic, and the gift shop at Sheridan County Memorial Hospital. Sir Knight Thomas R. Nance, P.G.C. of Wyoming and Wyoming Supplement editor, states: “Mrs. Sholine is the first person to receive this award in any Beauceant Assembly.”



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, the Eye Foundation, and the 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

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

Manchester Commandery No. 40, Manchester, Tennessee, is pleased to announce that it is continuing a fund-raiser for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. They have added to their selection of unique **lapel pins**, especially for Sir Knights and Commandery appendant bodies. During the four years of pin sales, donations to the Voluntary Campaign have exceeded the \$22,000 mark! Again our thanks to those who have purchased these pins. We hope to make the 39th Annual Campaign donations even better! These pins can also be viewed in color at www.yorkriteusa.org These pins are available for **\$6.00 each or all nine for \$45.00**, postage paid. Make check or money order payable to: **Manchester Commandery No. 40**. Send to Garry L. Carter, Recorder; 424 Winchester Hwy., Hillsboro, TN 37342. Thanks again for your continued support.



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

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

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

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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
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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.**



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■ For Sale: Memorabilia from the 63rd Triennial Conclave: We have extra belt buckles and lamps from the 63rd Triennial Conclave. The buckles are western style; they were sold during the past three years. We will mail them to you for \$30 each, postage paid. The lamps are the Lone Star style lamp and were the gift at the banquet. They are \$25 each, postage paid. Send your orders to: Attn: K. B. Fischer, 63rd Triennial, P.O. Box 263430, Houston, TX 77207-3430.

■ 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.

■ Wanted: A Past Commander is looking for a (C.P.O.) Commandery uniform jacket, size 46 long (or regular) in good condition. Would accept size 48. I only need the jacket. E-mail jimweekly@hotmail.com.

■ 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: C.P.O. coats, 100% wool; call for available sizes, (718) 727-9339: \$65.00 plus \$5.00 S & H. A portion of proceeds to KTEF. Checks to Jay Spadaro. Send to Jay Spadaro, P.C.; 87 Hatfield Place; Staten Island; NY 10302.

■ 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

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■ 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 escalating price of gold and silver, the manufacturer has raised his prices: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate (green): all \$50; Emeritus ranks: Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate (red): \$55; 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, \$80. 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., \$45; Grand Commandery, \$50; P.G.C. (purple), \$60; 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., No. 4A4; Daytona Beach; FL 32118.

■ 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.

■ 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 mark/penny for \$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00, postpaid. Each coin accompanied with a certificate of authenticity. Checks or MOs to Middle Georgia York Rite Bodies and mail to A. Neal Mimbs, Chairman; 121 Jeanette Street, Cochran, GA 31014; e-mail anealmimbs@bellsouth.net

■ **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.

■ **For sale:** Harmony Lodge No. 22, A. & F.M., Beaufort, South Carolina, celebrated its 250th anniversary on September 15, 2006, and they have minted a bronze (gold look) commemorative coin. The coin is \$11.00, postage paid, and will make a beautiful addition to Masonic coin collections. Face has square and compass with 2 right hands joined beneath, surrounded with "Friendship," "Morality," and "Brotherly Love"; all on blue background. Outer edge says "Commemorating 250 years of Freemasonry." Reverse depicts the Jean Ribaut Monument, which was erected in 1925 on Parris Island, SC. Ribaut landed on Port Royal Island in 1564, the spot which is now Parris Island. Orders to: R. V. Pinkston, P.G.M.; 834 Ribaut Road; Beaufort, SC 29902. Other inquiries e-mail rvppgm@hargray.com

■ **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 harrya217@estel.net

■ **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 O.E.S. or Shrine decals to fit on your taillights, only \$5.00 per set of 2,

postpaid. **Also,** black vinyl, square and compass decals, 3/4 by 3/4-inch, designed to place on the photo or list of your Past Masters who have gone on to that Celestial Lodge Above. 10 decals for only \$5.00, postpaid. **All profits go to our Masonic Widows' Fund.** Joe Allen, P.M., Sec.; **Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F. & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014.**

■ **For sale:** book, *The Rationale of Freemasonry:* Includes the meaning of allegories, the influence of social changes and trends. 280 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 Alaska pennies.** Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705, (520) 888-7585.

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

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

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

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Resurrection Day

The Master, he paid the ransom price for thee,
to redeem your soul for all eternity.

He bore the cross for you and me,

a promise of eternal life for all eternity.

A crown of thorns, he did wear, endured the pain

to set our souls free from sin for all eternity.

With nail pierced hands, broken legs, and blood of sweat,

our Savior prayed and wept for you and me,

that he might save your soul for all eternity.

The soul of every believing Christian

was saved this day for all eternity.

Rejoice! The Master arose this day as King of Kings

and Lord of Lords for all eternity.

He has Risen!—Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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