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South Central Department



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*The Results of the 39th Annual
Campaign for the
Knights Templar
Eye Foundation
are included
in this issue.
Coverage starts
on page 9!*



Grand Master's Message for July 2007

July marks the middle of summer. For most of us, this is a time of warm weather, vacations, and enjoying family. As most of you are reading this message, the July 4th celebration of 2007 will be history. Masonry and the formation of our **Great Country** is one of the things I think about most as we celebrate Independence Day. We all know of the many Masons whose hands signed the Declaration of Independence so beautifully written by Thomas Jefferson.

There is a little told story that few know unless they happened to visit Monticello or are just plain trivia enthusiasts. The committee who drew up the Declaration consisted of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin. John Adams would go on to be our second President, and Thomas Jefferson, after serving as Adam's Vice-President, became our third President. Though both loved their country, they saw its future differently and disagreed regularly on political issues. Only as they became older did they reconcile these issues and become friends. Both wanted to live long enough to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Declaration.

I always marvel that on July 4, 1826, the date of the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, both men died. Adams outlived Jefferson by a few hours. They did, in fact, live to see the day, but not to enjoy it. James Monroe, our fifth President, and a close friend of Jefferson, living only a few miles from Monticello, died on July 4, 1831, just five years after Jefferson and Adams. Thus three of our Presidents, all involved in one way or another with our Independence, died on our Country's Birthday. Very ironic!

I wish for you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer.



*Fourth of July—
Independence Day*



Fraternally,

Richard B. Baldwin, GCT
Grand Master

Knight Templar

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

JULY: Starting on page 5 are the biographies of the last three R.E. Department Commanders of the Grand Encampment. These extremely accomplished Sir Knights are leading the Commanderies in their particular jurisdictions. On page 9 begins the final results of the 39th Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We know that you look forward to these results every year. Also, there are listings of the new KTEF club memberships on page 18 and 19. Have you shopped the KTEF Shopping Mall yet? Get the information you need on page 19, and make your shopping easy while you support the KTEF! And concluding this issue are Masonic Newsfront items and the story of another colorful Mason, Gordon W. Lillie, otherwise known as "Pawnee Bill."

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● **Attention:** all Grand Commanders and all Deputy Grand Commanders who will be in office as Grand Commanders on November 1, 2007; or Grand Recorders: In the upcoming November issue, *Knight Templar* magazine will again present pictures of those Sir Knights who are Grand Commanders. Please provide us with a photograph of yourself in uniform by September 30, 2007. If your installation will be in September through October, order your photo NOW or it will arrive too late for inclusion in the November issue.

Photos may be of any size (they will be reduced as in previous years), preferably black and white of good, clear quality. Color is acceptable. Do not send polaroid prints as they do not reproduce well. We only use head shots, and jewels of office do not appear.

Indicate your name and state on the back of the photograph. Photos are requested by September 30, 2007. After that date, it may not be possible to include them in the November magazine. Send to: Joan Morton, P.O. Box 478448, Chicago, IL 60647-8448.

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

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Meet Three Right Eminent Department Commanders of the Grand Encampment—2006-2009

JAMES C. HERNDON

**Right Eminent
Department Commander (2006-2009)
Northwestern Department**

Sir Knight James C. Herndon was born on July 26, 1941, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the eldest child of John Charles and Lucile Tway Herndon. Shortly after he was born, his parents returned to the Herndon family home in Salmon, Idaho. He was raised in Idaho. He received his primary and secondary school education in Salmon and was graduated in 1959. He attended the University of Idaho and was graduated with a Bachelor of Science (journalism) in 1963 and Juris Doctor of Law (J.D.) in 1966.

Sir Knight Herndon is married to the former Tommye R. Low. He has five children: Heidi, Lora, Sarah, Lacreacia, and John and fourteen grandchildren.

In 1966 Sir Knight Herndon was admitted to practice law in state and federal courts in Idaho. He maintained a general practice of law in Salmon, Idaho, for twenty years with emphasis in the areas of real estate, municipal, mining and water law, together with commercial and personal injury litigation. He also served three terms as the county attorney prosecuting criminal cases. He also was a partner in an insurance agency and a land title company.

Active in his community, he is a past director of the Salmon Valley Chamber of Commerce, a past president of the North Idaho Chamber of Commerce, past director of the University of Idaho Foundation, past director of the Salmon Rotary Club, past secretary of the Lemhi Irrigation District, and a past Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), Lodge No. 1620. He also is the recipient of the Salmon Jaycees Distinguished Service Award.

In 1986 Sir Knight Herndon was elected a district judge and the Herndons moved to Blackfoot where they now live. The district courts in Idaho are the courts of original jurisdiction in all criminal and civil cases. Judge Herndon presided over a district court in Idaho's Seventh Judicial knight templar



District for twenty years, including fourteen years as the Administrative Judge when he supervised four other district judges and thirteen magistrates (limited jurisdiction). He retired on December 31, 2006. He is a past president of the Idaho Judges Association, a member of several Supreme Court/Idaho Bar committees, including the committee on Civil Rules and Bench/Bar and Media Committee. He remains active in Rotary.

He is a member of the Sigma Chi social fraternity and in 2006 was presented the Jesse E. Buchanan award "for outstanding service to the community and exemplifying the spirit and ideals of Sigma Chi."

In 1987 Sir Knight Herndon was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Idaho, Protestant Episcopal Church, and continues to serve in that capacity.

Sir Knight Herndon has a strong Masonic history. His father Charles was a Past Master of Lemhi Lodge No. 11 at Salmon, Past Grand High Priest of Salmon Chapter No. 14, R.A.M., member of the Shrine, and a Past Commander of Salmon Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, and Grand Master of Masons in Idaho in 1961-1962. His mother and father were active in the Order of the Eastern Star. Sir Knight Herndon's uncle Joe Herndon served not only as Master of his lodge but also as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho and Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Idaho. His grandfather Herndon and a great uncle Ashley were also Masters of Lemhi Lodge No. 11, and his maternal grandfather, R. R.

Tway, and his uncle Jack Tway were active in Masonry in Oklahoma, especially the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

Sir Knight Herndon was raised a Master Mason in Lemhi Lodge No. 11, A.F. & A.M., by his father on September 24, 1964. He served as Master of Lemhi No. 11 in 1971 and 1979. Later he became a dual member in Grove City Lodge No. 33 at Blackfoot and was Master in 1997, 1998, and 1999. He was the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho in 2005–2006. He has served on most Grand Lodge committees and presently is chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

In Capitular Masonry, Sir Knight Herndon was exalted in Salmon Chapter No. 59, R.A.M., Salmon, Idaho, serving as Excellent High Priest in 1973 and 1974. He also belongs to Idaho Falls Chapter No. 10 and was Excellent High Priest in 2002–2003. He currently serves the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho as the Royal Arch Captain. He has chaired the Jurisprudence and Finance Committees.

Sir Knight Herndon is the Illustrious Grand Chancellor of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine. He was installed in St. Charles Conclave at Pocatello, Idaho, on June 10, 1989, and is a Past Sovereign. He was appointed Vice Intendant General, Division of Idaho, in 2002; Intendant General, Division of Idaho, in 2003; Grand Almoner in 2005; and Grand Chancellor in 2006.

In Cryptic Masonry, Sir Knight Herndon belongs to Jeremiah Council No. 9 at Idaho Falls, where he served as Illustrious Master in 2002–2003. He currently is the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Idaho.

He is a member of the Order of the Silver Trowel and of the Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters.

In Chivalric Masonry, Sir Knight Herndon was created a Knight Templar in 1967 in Salmon Commandery No. 9. He served as Eminent Commander in 1974, 1992, 1993, and 1994. He affiliated (dual) with Idaho Falls Commandery No. 6, where he is currently the Eminent Commander. Sir Knight Herndon, KCT, is also a Past Grand Commander (2000–2001). He is a member of Redemption Tabernacle No. XL, HRAKTP, and Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Priory No. 13, and a member of Fidelity Council No. 277.

Other Masonic affiliations include: Allied Masonic Degrees (Past Sovereign); Tri-Valley No. 178, York Rite College; Hugh Duncan No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star; Past Associate Grand Guardian of Idaho, International Order of Job's Daughters; Advisor and recipient of Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Sir Knight Herndon received his 32° on April 23, 1977, in the Boise Valley, Southern Jurisdiction.

He was nominated KCCH on November 5, 2005.

Sir Knight Herndon was created a member of El Korah Shrine, Imperial Council, AAONMS, at Boise, Idaho. He continues to serve as an Ambassador.

Sir Knight James C. Herndon was appointed R.E. Department Commander, Northwestern Department, by Most Eminent Grand Master Richard B. Baldwin at the 63rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, August 16, 2006, in Houston, Texas.

DOUGLAS MITCHELL

**Right Eminent
Department Commander (2006–2009)
South Central Department**

Sir Knight Douglas Mitchell was born in Kenton, Ohio, on May 25, 1944, and attended public schools in Kenton, Fairview Park, and Hilliard, Ohio, graduating in 1962. He graduated from Nashville Auto-Diesel College in 1972 and worked for American Airlines for 27 years, retiring in 1995.

Doug is married to Colleen; they live in Arkansas and have three sons: William, Michael, and Daniel.



He was ordained as an Elder at Central Christian Church in Ft. Worth, Texas, and was chairman of the Board. He also was a firefighter on the Briar Fire Department for over 20 years and served on their board of trustees.

He is a life member of Simon Kenton Chapter, Order of DeMolay, an active member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and a life member of the International DeMolay Alumni Association.

Doug was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Hurst Lodge No. 1387 in 1974 and served as Worshipful Master, 1981-1982.

He was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason in Hurst Chapter No. 492 in 1975, served as Most Excellent High Priest in 1982-1983, and was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 17th Capitular District in 1995. He is presently the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Order of High Priesthood of Texas.

He was greeted a Select Master in Hurst Council No. 407 in 1975, served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1982-1983, and was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 27th Cryptic District in 1997. He has served five years on the Board of Trustees of the York Rite Trust.

Doug is a Past President of the Past Presiding Officers Association of Tarrant County.

Sir Knight Doug was Knighted in Worth Commandery No. 19 in 1984, served as Commander in 1988, was elected Grand Sentinel in 1990, and served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas, in 1999. He received the Grand Encampment's Knight Commander of the Temple in 2000.

He is a Past President of Worth Commandery's Drill Team, drilled on vari-

ous drill teams for 18 years, and has been a judge for the past ten years.

Some of his other Masonic affiliations are: Past Preceptor of Our Redeemer Tabernacle IX, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Past Governor of Trinity York Rite College No. 154; Past Prior of Texas Priory No. 23, KYCH; Past Sovereign Master of Texas Council No. 282, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Excellent Chief of Worth's Shamrock Council No. 54, Knight Masons; Past Patron of Lake Worth Chapter No. 1109, Order of the Eastern Star; and Past President of the Patrons and Associate Patrons Association, District 3, Section 1.

Doug is, also, an officer of Crusader Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; a fellow in the Grand College of Rights of the U.S.A.; a member of the Ohio College, Masonic SRICF; and has received the Grand Cross of Color from the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

He is a Knight Commander in the Sovereign, Knightly, Noble, and Religious Order of the Crown of Thorns, where he now serves as Grand Prelate; is a Past Grand of Kingston Lodge No. 118, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and is a Colonel in the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Doug received his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Ft. Worth, Texas, in 1976 and was invested with Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1985. He affiliated with the Valley of Little Rock, Arkansas, in 2006.

Sir Knight Douglas Mitchell was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander, South Central, by Most Eminent Grand Master Richard Burditt Baldwin at the 63rd Triennial Conclave, August 16, 2006, in Houston, Texas.

GEORGE A. CHIPOURAS

Right Eminent Department Commander (2006-2009) Subordinate Commanderies

Born on October 22, 1922, in Washington, D.C., Sir Knight George Arthur Chipouras is the son of immigrants from Greece. He was educated in the public schools of Washington, D.C., and attended the American International College, Springfield, MA—BA in political science with minor in psychology—and the University of Miami—MA in business administration/business management. He is a member of the Alumni



Associations of both schools.

Sir Knight Chipouras served in the US Air Force, 1942–1970, and is a Lieutenant Colonel, retired, with 28 years of service. He is a member of the Retired Officers Association.

After his career in the Air Force, he was in the construction business and was Director of Construction Administration and Management Ferendino, Grafton Spillis, Candella, 1971–1979, and Director of Facilities Planning and Construction Management, University of Miami, 1979–1988. He is a member of the Construction Specifications Institute.

He was married to a loving wife, now deceased, and he has two children, a son and a daughter, and two grandchildren, a grandson and a granddaughter, and a great grandson.

He is a member and past council member of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Miami, Florida.

Sir Knight Chipouras' Masonic history is as follows: Blue Lodge: 1956–1957, Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Savannah, GA, initiated, passed, and raised; 1979, Palma Vista Lodge No. 205, Princeton, FL, affiliated by demit: Worshipful Master, 1984, served 29th Masonic District and Masters and Wardens Districts, 1985 to present; 2004, Royal Palm Lodge No. 100, Homestead, FL, affiliated through merger. In the Grand Lodge of FL: R.W. District Deputy Grand Master, 29th District, 1988–1989; Properties Committee, 1990; Jurisprudence Committee, 1992 and 1996; Florida Junior Grand Steward, 1995.

Sir Knight Chipouras was exalted in Jericho Chapter No. 11, R.A.M., 1974; High Priest, 1980; Order of High Priesthood, 1980; and served as Secretary, 1998–2005. In Grand Chapter of Florida: State Executive Officer, RARA, 1981–1998; D.D.G.H.P., 1st District, 1984; received Gold Key Award, 1985; International Distinguished Service Medal, 1987; and is Grand Chapter, R.A.M., Distinguished Guest Chairman 1, 1999 to present. At General Grand Chapter, R.A.M., International, he served Distinguished Guest and State & Country Flag Ceremony Committees, 1984–1987.

He was greeted, 1974, in Adoniram Council No. 10, R. & S.M., served as Ill. Master, 1978, received Order of Anointed Kings (Silver Trowel), 1978, and serves as Recorder, 1998 to present. In Grand Council of FL: R.I. D.D.G.M., 1st Cryptic District, 1979; Committee on Work, 1980–1993; ISH SODI award, 1984; Budget and Finance Committee, 1992–1995, and Distinguished Guest Committee, 1999 to present. He is the General Grand Council

Cryptic Masons International, Ambassador to Greece, 2005–2008.

In Chivalric Masonry Sir Knight Chipouras was Knighted, 1974, Miami Commandery No. 13; E. Commander, 1980; Recorder, 1998 to present; and is Chairman, Miami Commandery, KTEF, 1974 to present. He affiliated as a dual member with INRI Commandery No. 4, D.C, now Marvin W. Fowler No. 7, 1995, and ascended the line to Eminent Commander, 2004. In the Grand Grand Commandery of Florida, he served as D.D.G.C., 1980, received Order of Knight Crusader of the Cross, 1980; was Chairman, Committee on Work, 1981–2000; and served as R.E.G.C., 1987–1988. He served committees: Jurisprudence, Budget and Finance (chairman), Distinguished Guest (chairman); was Grand Commandery Inspector General, 1991–2001; presided as Knight Crusader of the East, 1993, and belongs to Ritual Team, Knight Crusaders, 1998 to present. For Grand Encampment he served on the Returns and Credentials and Public Relations committees, was State Coordinator for Florida, member and President of Southern Breakfast Association and presently is the R.E. Department Commander for Subordinate Commanderies, 2006–2009.

Additional Masonic affiliations include: Miami Conclave, R.C.C., Puissant Sovereign, 1992, Director of Work, 1982 to present, and Recorder, 1996–2002; Miami Priory No. 10, KYCH, Eminent Prior, 1992, Registrar/Treasurer, 1995–2003; Convent General, KYCH, one quadrant, 1989, Warrants, Charters and Dispensations Committee, Chairman, 2005 to present; HRAKTP, King of Kings Tabernacle No. 25, Very Eminent Preceptor, 1993, Grand College HRAKTP, Most Eminent Grand Preceptor, 2006–2007; Mystic Tie Council No. 374, A.M.D., Sovereign Master, U.D., 1988–2000/ Mystic Tie, 2006, Grand Council, A.M.D., USA, Grand Masters Council "A", Red Badge of Eri, 2001, Preceptor Ritual Team Preceptors Degree, 2006–2007; John Bridges Phelps York Rite College No. 31; Everglades York Rite College No. 149, York Rite Sovereign College of North America, OYC, Associate Regent, also Chairman Regents Council, Grand Herald, 2002–2004, and served on committees; Sam Womack Council No. 21, Knight Masons; Space Coast Council No. 32, Knight Masons, Ex. Chief and Director of Work; Florida SRICF, Celebrant; the Philaethes Society; and the Forty-Fivers. Sir Knight Chipouras is also a member of: Miami Consistory, A.A.S.R., 33°; Mahi Shrine, AAONMS; the Royal Order of Scotland, and National Sojourners. In DeMolay he is an Honorary Legion of Honor, 1988, State Chapter Dad, 1988–1989, and State DeMolay Council, Order of Knighthood, 1992 to present



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Eye Foundation Campaign Closes

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation reports a contribution total for the 39th Annual Voluntary Campaign of \$1,281,441.15, \$359,958.04 more than last year. Many Commanderies did an outstanding job as you can see for yourself from the following listings. Thanks to all those who worked so hard. A total of 1,168 Commanderies participated in this year's campaign, 10 more than last year.

Oregon took the lead in total dollars contributed, with Ohio in second position and Pennsylvania third. A listing of top Grand Commanderies on a per capita basis found Oregon first, followed by Nevada and Colorado, second and third respectively. The top subordinate Commandery on a per capita basis is Hilo No. 3, Hawaii, and the top subordinate Commandery for total dollars contributed is Heidelberg No. 2, Germany.

Plaques and seals are being prepared for the 217 constituent Commanderies that reported contributions of \$10.00 or more per member. 169 Commanderies contributing \$5.00 to \$9.99 per member will receive certificates. These Commanderies are listed on the following pages.

TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS

No. 1	OREGON Jerry C. Thompson, Chairman	\$180.36 per member	Total—\$202,548.83
No. 2	NEVADA Ted P. Bendure, Chairman	\$69.62 per member	Total—\$43,929.01
No. 3	COLORADO Grover L. Sardeson, Chairman	\$31.46 per member	Total—\$44,196.46

TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS

Hilo No. 3, Hawaii
\$12.00 per member Total—\$216.00

Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico
\$2.69 per member Total—\$250.00

TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS

No. 1	OREGON Jerry C. Thompson, Chairman	Total—\$202,548.83
No. 2	OHIO Robert E. McNutt, Chairman	Total—\$143,148.79
No. 3	PENNSYLVANIA Michael Koncewicz, Chairman	Total—\$97,898.28

TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS

Heidelberg No. 2, Germany—Total—\$343.00

Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico—Total—\$250.00

TOP TEN GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS

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| 1. OREGON | 6. CALIFORNIA |
| 2. OHIO | 7. COLORADO |
| 3. PENNSYLVANIA | 8. MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND |
| 4. TEXAS | 9. NEVADA |
| 5. GEORGIA | 10. TENNESSEE |

TOP TEN GRAND COMMANDERIES IN PER CAPITA TOTALS

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| 1. OREGON | 6. NEW MEXICO |
| 2. NEVADA | 7. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA |
| 3. COLORADO | 8. IDAHO |
| 4. UTAH | 9. PENNSYLVANIA |
| 5. CONNECTICUT | 10. VIRGINIA |

Constituent Commanderies Reporting \$10.00 or More Per Member (Per capita is within 10 cents of minimum.)

ALABAMA: DeMolay No. 4, Decatur; Anniston No. 23, Anniston; Florence No. 39, Florence; Lee No. 45, Phenix City.

ALASKA: Wasilla-Palmer No. 4, Wasilla.

ARIZONA: Arizona No. 1, Tucson; Calvary No. 8, Winslow; Columbine No. 9, Safford; Scottsdale No. 12, Scottsdale; Burning Taper No. 15, Sierra Vista; St. Andrew No. 17.

ARKANSAS: Rogers No. 24, Bentonville.

CALIFORNIA: San Jose No. 10, San Jose; St. Bernard No. 23, San Bernardino; San Gabriel Valley No. 31, Rosemead; Orange County No. 36, Anaheim; Vacaville No. 38, Vacaville; Palo Alto No. 47, Palo Alto; Whittier-St. Johns No. 51, Whittier; Imperial Valley No. 54, El Centro; Santa Monica Bay No. 61, Santa Monica; Merced No. 69, Merced.

COLORADO: Denver-Colorado No. 1, Denver; Georgetown No. 4, Georgetown; Pikes Peak No. 6, Colorado Springs; Greeley No. 10, Greeley; Oriental No. 18, Trinidad; Glenwood No. 20, Glenwood Springs; Temple No. 23, Grand Junction; Coronal-Ascalon No. 31, Denver; J. E. Abbott No. 40, Englewood; St. Bernard No. 41, Denver; Eastlake No. 42, Eastlake.

CONNECTICUT: Washington No. 1, East Hartford; New Haven No. 2, New Haven; Cyrene No. 8, Middletown; St. Elmo No. 9, Meriden.

DELAWARE: Trinity No. 3, Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Washington No. 1, Washington, D.C.; Columbia No. 2, Washington, D.C.

FLORIDA: Ft. Myers No. 32, Ft. Myers; Springtime No. 40, Clearwater.

GEORGIA: St. Omer No. 2, Macon; St. Aldemar No. 3, Columbus; Couer de Lion No. 4, College Park; DeMolay No. 5, Americus; Palestine No. 7, Savannah; Ivanhoe No. 10, Fort Valley; Plantagenet No. 12, Milledgeville; Pilgrim No. 15, Gainesville; Malta No. 16, Valdosta; Crusader No. 17, Bainbridge; St. Johns No. 19, Dalton; Alexius No. 22, Jackson; St. Paul No. 24, Albany; St. Bernard No. 25, Covington; Constantine No. 26, Marietta; Charles Martel No. 29, Chickamauga; Bethlehem No. 30, Thomasville; Griffin No. 35, Griffin; Blue Ridge Mountain No. 37, McCaysville; DeKalb No. 38, Decatur; Amicalola No. 41, Jasper; St. Michael No. 43.

IDAHO: Idaho Falls No. 6, Idaho Falls.

ILLINOIS: Apollo No. 1, Wheaton; Rock Island No. 18, Rock Island; Temple No. 20, Princeton; Aurora No. 22, Yorkville; Bethel No. 36, Palatine; Melita No. 37, Tuscola; Chicago Heights No. 78, Lansing; Trinity No. 80, Downers Grove.

INDIANA: Bloomington No. 63, Bloomington.

IOWA: Palestinè No. 2, Iowa City; Siloam No. 3, Dubuque; Damascus No. 5, Keokuk; Holy Cross No. 10, Clinton; St. Johns No. 21, Centerville; Ascalon No. 25, Waterloo; Antioch No. 43, Mason City; St. Elmo No. 48, Iowa Falls; Esdraelon No. 52, Estherville; Zerubbabel No. 68, Albia; Ascension No. 69, Ames.

KENTUCKY: Covington No. 7, Covington; Paducah No. 11, Paducah; Ryan No. 17, Danville; Shelby No. 32, Shelbyville; Conrad H. Cates No. 37, Elizabethtown; Mayfield No. 49, Mayfield; Whitesburg No. 51, Whitesburg.

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*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, There is Liberty
(II Corinthians 3:17)*

In Praise of Old Glory—Part II

by Granville K. Frisbie

This God-given concept carried out over a century in our great nation produced the most productive nation under free enterprise with its natural laws of cause and effect, supply and demand, better and better products at lower and lower prices, that the people of this planet have ever seen.

The flag is the Soul of our free nation, no more and no less than the countless heartstrings touched by every reference to its smiling face across the years. The real greatness of a nation is not measured by its size, its material wealth, or how many times its scientists have sent our sons successfully to the moon. It is, rather, measured by those timeless virtues of wisdom, fortitude, humanity, charity, temperance, integrity, truth, and righteousness—and the nation that cultivates them shall not perish.

Our flag has always been associated with our country's great leaders, and the one leader who has, since our country's founding, been known as first in the hearts of his countrymen has in particular been more closely associated with our flag than almost any other.

One day in 1787, after a meeting of the new country's government, a certain man set out from Philadelphia with his servant. Soon they were passing a field where a farmer plowed the black soil in great long furrows. Dismounting from his horse he strode into the field and, after a

few words with the farmer, was seen with the reins of the plow horses around his body, his hands guiding the plow. The gentleman was General George Washington, new President of the United States. His boyhood as a farm owner and planter simply asserted itself in again seeking Nature's solace given to men of the soil who seem to absorb an indefinable strength from the living loam.

The position of Washington throughout the years when our national banner evolved from the struggles of the Colonies to free themselves from their mother country, and the position of the Continental Congress, was without precedent. An illegal body, its delegates had no authority to raise money, purchase arms, or direct the actions of these English Colonies, yet it made possible the development of the stars and stripes. This evolution has taken many forms, and the legends and stories, the fictions and myths that have grown up around its spreading folds are sufficient to satisfy the most garrulous gossip, the most colorful narrator of the spinning of yarns. The real truth of each one of these apocryphal stories will never be known for, in battle, who saw the youngest sailor die, who snatched the musket from the embattled farmer on Bunker Hill, who carried the flag to the ramparts in which engagement through the years?

The early poets of America have added their talents. We receive a welcome emotional surge when we recall the reference of Oliver Wendell Holmes in "Old Ironsides" to Old Glory:

Ay, tear her tattered ensign down:
Long has it waved on high,
And many an eye has danced to see
That banner in the sky;

Beneath it rung the battle shout,
And burst the cannon's roar;—
The meteor of the ocean air
Shall sweep the clouds no more.

We only know for a fact Congress did adopt the flag. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Flag of the united states be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

In entering this resolution in the records of Congress it is noteworthy that the Secretary of the Continental Congress, Charles Thomson, in his own handwriting capitalized the word "Flag" but that the two words "United States" are spelled with a small "u" and a small "s" and that the designation is "the Flag of the United States" and not the "United States Flag."

The most meaningful words are the last, thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation, for in them is the very soul and significance and spirit of our Banner on High. These words signaled to the world the birth of a new nation apart from all others.

The next law Congress passed relating to Old Glory was on January 13, 1794. It read, "That from and after the first day of May, 1795, the Flag of the

United States, be fifteen stripes, alternate red and white; and that the union be fifteen stars, white, in a blue field." This came about after Vermont and Kentucky were admitted to the Union.

After the admission of Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, and Mississippi; Congress passed the final act relating to the size and shape and character of the flag. After 1818 there would again be 13 horizontal stripes and one star would be added for each state on July Fourth following its admission.

Those authors who delight in exposing errors and discrediting stories should realize the soul of America does not depend upon scientific material facts for its strength but in the wonderful world of the heroism of paintings like the "Spirit of '76," in America's conquering ardor, her elan, as we glory in Joaquin Miller's inspiring poem "Columbus," a verse of which goes:

Behind him lay the great Azores,
Behind the Gates of Hercules;
Before him not the ghost of shores;
Before him only shoreless seas.
The good mate said, "Now we must pray,"
For lo' the very stars are gone.
Brave admiral speak; what shall I say?
Why, say, Sail on! Sail on! and on!

What better words for our own Old Glory than to wave on and on and on!

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Brother "Pawnee Bill": Frontiersman and Showman

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KCT, KYCH, 33°

The American frontier produced a number of persons who achieved prominence, and some gained a legendary status. A surprising number of these individuals were Masons, despite the fact that Masonry tends to be associated with a more settled society. Masonic figures on the frontier range from men like explorers, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, as well as Kit Carson and the leadership of the Montana Vigilantes to a number of noted Texas Rangers. One of the most famed, William F. Cody, gained wide recognition as "Buffalo Bill," a frontier scout, dime novel hero, and developer of the Wild West Show.

The subject of this sketch, Gordon William Lillie, gained only slightly less renown as "Pawnee Bill." While younger and having less frontier experience than Cody, Lillie, nonetheless, had his share of experience in the wild West. He was probably as good a showman, sometimes a rival, occasionally a partner, and certainly a better business man than Buffalo Bill.

Much of America's frontier experience had already happened when Gordon William Lillie was born near Bloomington, Illinois, on February 14, 1860. As the eldest of four children of a flour mill operator, young Gordon was much influenced by stories of the wild West, particularly those contained in dime novels about Buffalo Bill that began to appear in 1869. He persuaded his family to move to Sumner County, Kansas, in 1873 and then in mid-1875 finally coaxed them to let him leave home.

After visiting in the booming cow town of Wichita, he found a job at the Pawnee Indian Reservation helping to build a house for the agent. Over the next several years, young Gordon Lillie would spend a great deal of time among the Pawnees learning their language



Pawnee Bill, ca. 1880

and way of life. These experiences would result in his gaining the nickname by which he would become known, "Pawnee Bill" and also in 1878 another sobriquet bestowed upon him by his Native American friends, "White Chief of the Pawnees."

During his years among the Pawnees, Lillie worked in a variety of jobs, including interpreter and teacher in the agency school. He also became skilled in hunting and trapping and gained the general knowledge needed for survival on the plains and prairies. He left the Agency in August 1881 and worked as a farm and ranch hand in the general vicinity of Caldwell, Kansas.

Then in 1883, Buffalo Bill Cody, who had been working in a variety of stage plays, began organizing his fabled Wild West Show, and a man named Charlie Burgess, whose father had known

Gordon Lillie at the Pawnee Agency, was looking for Gordon on Cody's behalf. A group of Pawnees were to work in the show, but the Indian Commissioner would approve only if someone would be responsible for them and look out for their well-being. He was told that "there is a young man out there who was in the service for a time who talks Indian like a native, wears long hair and is a great friend of the Pawnees."

Having seen Cody in person back in 1873 just before his family moved to Kansas, young Gordon Lillie accepted the offer and went to work in the show. He found some personal disappointment learning that his hero had human frailties including a periodic drinking problem and being financially irresponsible. Still, he also noted the man's positive qualities. (Cody had also been a member of Platte Valley Lodge since January 10, 1871.) Lillie became a key member of his troupe.

As the show moved eastward attracting huge crowds, Gordon Lillie met the love of his life when the group reached Philadelphia. He met a girl named May Manning, who was a student at Smith College. The two soon began to correspond and following her graduation were married on August 31, 1886. Although uncertain as to how she would adjust to life on the plains, May somewhat surprisingly became an expert rider and rifle shot. In December 1887 friends back in Philadelphia presented her a medal inscribed "Champion Girl Shot of the West," and her fame was almost equal to that of Annie Oakley. When Pawnee Bill established his own show, May Lillie became one of the star attractions.

At about the same time that May received her medal, Pawnee Bill, who had been thinking about starting his own show, entered the fray. He launched Pawnee Bill's Wild West in the spring of 1888 and for the first few weeks drew large crowds with Bill and May as star attractions, along with Annie Oakley, who had a temporary rift from her normal employer, Buffalo Bill.

But after Cody returned from

England and the weather turned bad, things went sour. In late October Bill gave up and the show folded.

Gordon Lillie returned to Kansas in time to lead a party of "boomers (i.e. settlers)" into a section of what was newly Oklahoma Territory. Then, he reorganized his show as Pawnee Bill's Historical Wild West, Indian Museum and Encampment. Benefiting from his earlier mishaps, this time his production proved successful, and he gave his former employer, Buffalo Bill, real competition.

Lillie's show popularity undoubtedly also was buoyed by his own appearance as a dime novel hero. In 1888 the first of fourteen of these lurid pieces of fiction came off the presses of Beadle & Adams, Frank Tousey, and Street & Smith, written by such masters of the art as Colonel Prentiss Ingraham (who had written many of the Buffalo Bill stories), Paul Braddon, and Edward W. Wheeler. The stories had little basis in fact, but kids continued to devour them with gusto. One offering in 1891 even bore the title *Pawnee Bill's Shadow; or, May Lillie, the Girl Dead Shot*. Many years later (1917-1919), another series in which both Buffalo Bill and Pawnee appeared together resulted in twenty-seven additional titles.

Meanwhile, the Wild West Show continued to do well, and more lands in Oklahoma Territory opened for settlement, including what would become the town of Pawnee. Not only did Gordon and May Lillie establish their home there in the off-season, but Bill's parents and sisters also located there.

In 1894, he took his wild West show to Europe where the troupe performed for royalty, including King Leopold of Belgium and Queen Wilhemina of the Netherlands.

Back in Oklahoma, Gordon Lillie used his profits to become a stockholder in the Arkansas Valley Bank, of which he eventually became Vice President. Interested in preventing the American bison from becoming extinct, he purchased 2,000 acres south of town and established his Buffalo Ranch.



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Pawnee Bill's Double: THE GREAT SCOTT'S
 BEST TRIAL.
 BY PAUL BRADDOCK.



Above left, ca. 1890: Buckskin Joe (A. F. Hoyt) is at left, and Pawnee Bill (Gordon Lillie) is at right. Above right: cover of a Pawnee Bill dime novel, ca. 1889.

It was during one of the wild West show off-seasons that Pawnee Bill became a Mason in Pawnee Lodge No. 82. Gordon William Lillie was initiated an Entered Apprentice on January 7, 1899; was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on January 14, 1899; and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 2, 1899. He remained a faithful member until his death forty-three years later. He also joined the Scottish Rite bodies in Guthrie and became a Noble of Akdar Temple, AAONMS, in Tulsa.

After his own retirement from show business, Bill and the Miller Brothers of 101 Ranch fame (were the Miller Brothers Masonic?), who had the last wild West show, staged a rodeo for the Imperial Shrine session at Washington, D.C., in June 1923.

Not exclusively Masonic, Bill joined Lodge No. 654 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a number of old-time cowboy groups. He also proved to be a firm supporter of the Boy Scouts of America.

Pawnee Bill's Historic Wild West

continued to prosper. In 1907 he expanded the show and added Great Far East to his billing, including such features as elephants and exotic attractions associated with Asia, Australia, and Africa. In other words, it became more like a regular circus.

Meanwhile, Lillie's chief rival experienced a series of problems; including a wreck of his show train, injuries and retirement of Annie Oakley, the death of his principal advisor Nate Salsbury, heavy debts to James Bailey of Barnum & Bailey fame, and a personal scandal. In 1908 Pawnee Bill and Buffalo Bill came to an agreement to merge their shows.

Cody's financial recklessness still troubled Lillie, but against his own better judgment and out of lingering respect for his long-time idol, he agreed to the union as "Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Great Far East" for the 1909 season.

In 1910 and 1911 the combination made money, partly because it was advertised as Buffalo Bill's "farewell tour." By 1912, however, this concept was beginning to wear thin, and busi-

ness declined. As Lillie's biographer, Glenn Shirley, put it, "there were profits, but hardly enough to keep Buffalo Bill ahead of creditors." Things went worse in 1913, and in July legal entanglements caught up with the show. The last performance took place in Denver on July 21, 1913, as Pawnee Bill refused to spend any more of his personal funds to keep it afloat. To again quote Glenn Shirley, "thus, Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee's Far East died ingloriously."

Cody went back to his home in North Platte, Nebraska, and Pawnee Bill returned to Oklahoma, having sufficient personal funds to survive in comfort. When the old scout died in 1917, Gordon Lillie wrote "time smoothes everything. Buffalo Bill died my friend" adding the conclusion, "he was just an irresponsible boy."

Back in Pawnee, Oklahoma, Gordon and May Lillie had their numerous business interests and friends. He supported the Boy Scouts and efforts to protect and enlarge the surviving bison herds. To accommodate numerous tourists, he built a facility known as Old Town and Indian Trading Post, which was completed in 1930 and provided employment for many of his Pawnee Indian friends. Generally speaking, one might say that he enjoyed his status of what one person termed "being famous for being famous."

In retirement he often spent part of each summer at Taos, New Mexico, where he and May celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 31, 1936.

Unfortunately, this gala would prove to be a last hurrah for the aging couple. Two weeks later on a return trip to Pawnee from Tulsa, they were involved in a serious auto crash, and May died from injuries on the morning of September 14.

Bill's own health began to deteriorate in the following months, but he continued to drive about his properties in his old Pierce Arrow and made plans to donate some of his attractions to the Boy Scouts of America. Sadly, Old Town burned in 1939. As residents of his



Pawnee Bill, ca. 1900

ranch prepared to arrange an 82nd birthday party, the old frontiersman died on February 3, 1942, one day after the 43rd anniversary of his raising in Pawnee Lodge. He was buried beside May in the family mausoleum in the local Highland Cemetery. One of the few remaining symbols of a vanished era had gone to his reward.

Note: The definitive work on Gordon Lillie is Glenn Shirley's *Pawnee Bill: A Biography of Major Gordon W. Lillie* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1965). For his Masonic Record, I appreciate the rapid assistance of the staff at the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, Garry Odom, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, KCT, KYCH, 33°, and a professor of history at the University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, Ohio, is a Past Commander of Athens Commandery No. 15, Athens, Ohio. He resides at 111 East High Street, McArthur, OH 45651-1111.

On the Masonic Newsfront

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM MCKINLEY, JR. (1843-1901)

25th President of the United States (1897-1901)

Governor of Ohio (1892-1896) • U.S. Representative (1877-1891)

FUNERAL REENACTMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2007

A part of American history will be brought to life by Ohio York Rite Masons including William McKinley Lodge No. 431, F. & A.M., during an reenactment of President and Sir Knight William McKinley's funeral procession on Saturday, September 22, 2007. Starting at 12:00 NOON at the Church of the Savior Methodist Church, located at 120 Cleveland Avenue, S.W., Canton, Ohio, it will continue west on Tuscarawas Street West to the McKinley National Memorial, the final resting place of our martyred president. This is the 100th anniversary of the original dedication of the McKinley Mausoleum.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, Sir Knight Michael A. Himes, and the Ohio Grand Lodge officers will perform a building dedication ceremony at the Mausoleum. Representatives from all Masonic organizations, including the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Grand Chapter of Ohio, Grand Council of Ohio, Grand Commandery of Ohio, as well as various other affiliated Masonic groups, will be in attendance.

The procession will include a horse drawn hearse, a riderless horse, and a casket draped with a 45-star American flag. Many other community groups and public officials will participate in the reenactment.

Sir Knight William McKinley was Knighted on December 23, 1884, in Canton Commandery No. 38, Canton, Ohio, and was a member until his untimely death in Buffalo, New York, on September 14, 1901, which was a result of an assassination attempt on September 6, 1901. He was elected a Life Member of Washington Commandery No. 1, Washington, DC, on December 23, 1896.

There were members from five Commanderies who escorted the body of Sir Knight William McKinley from the White House to the United States Capitol on September 17, 1901. In Canton, Ohio, on September 19, 1901, more than 2,000 uniformed Knights Templar formed the funeral escort.

All Masons are invited to participate in the reenactment, especially all uniformed Knights Templar. For further information, please contact: **Sir Knight Glenn R. Greenamyer, KTCH, KYCH, at 719 Netherwood Avenue, N.W., Canton, OH 44708; e-mail: Greenamyer@sbcglobal.net; telephone: (330) 478-1579.**

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COEUR DE LION COMMANDERY, FLORIDA, HOLDS SPRING FESTIVAL

Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 1, Pensacola, Florida, held its annual Spring Festival on April 21, 2007, in Pensacola. The Order of the Red Cross and the Knight of Malta were conferred in the morning, lunch was served by the Pensacola York Rite Ladies Club, and the Order of the Temple was conferred after lunch.

27 new Sir Knights were Knighted at this occasion. They are from Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 1, St. Elmo Commandery No. 42, Chipola Commandery No. 22, and St. Johns Commandery No. 29. Pictured below are the newly Knighted Brothers and the degree team for the Order of the Temple. (submitted by Sir Knight Charles Perez, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery of Florida)



Shreveport, Louisiana Commanderies and S.O.O.B. Assembly Attend Easter Service at Yellow Pine Christian Church

Each Easter the ladies of Shreveport Assembly No. 60 and the Sir Knights of Ascension Commandery No. 6 and Minden Crusader Commandery No. 21 attend church at Yellow Pine Christian Church in Sibley, Louisiana. Sir Knight Tom Brown from Ascension No. 6 is the pastor. Pictured, left to right, are: 1st row: (Mrs. Manfred) Theresa Johnscher, (Mrs. Larry) Trellis Ledbetter; 2nd row: (Mrs. Howard) Nona Entwistle, (Mrs. Roy E.) Viva May, (Mrs. Jack) Macel Giles, Angela McNicoll, and (Mrs. Tom) Sue Brown (wife of the pastor). A delicious lunch was served after the service.



SCOTTISH RITE PREPARES FOR JOINT SESSION

For the first time in history, the two Scottish Rite jurisdictions in the United States will come together for a joint meeting in August 2007. The special event is expected to attract more than 3,500 33° Masons and their ladies from 50 states.

The meeting will take place in Washington, DC, on August 26–28, 2007. Among those in attendance will be Grand Masters from most states as well as Scottish Rite representatives from many jurisdictions throughout the world.

John William McNaughton, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and Ronald A. Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, will jointly welcome visitors to a special open session for men and women on Monday morning, August 27. A luncheon will follow. The Monday session will be preceded by a vespers service on Sunday afternoon.

Both jurisdictions will be conferring the 33° on a class of candidates. The Northern Jurisdiction degree is scheduled for late afternoon on Monday. The Southern Jurisdiction degree will take place on Tuesday morning. The degree is awarded for outstanding achievement in the fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry.

The Scottish Rite Research Society will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon when Arturo deHoyas and Martin R. Starr will present the SRRS lecture.

The 3-day event will conclude with a gala banquet on Tuesday evening. The main events will be held in the International Ballroom at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

The meeting in the nation's capital takes place in conjunction with the biennial meeting of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction and the annual meeting of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction.

Sale of Knight Templar Tote Bag to Benefit the KTEF



This beautiful Knight Templar tote bag is designed for the men and ladies of the Knights Templar; its sale will benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The bag's size is 16 by 16 inches. It is made of upholstery material and has two straps and is lined for extra reinforcement on the inside. On the front and back is a poem, entitled "A Knight Templar," and down each side are the nine battle shields of the Templar Knights. Also, there is an arch with the working tools of the York Rite and the Almighty Seeing Eye. This tote bag was designed for the members of the ladies' auxiliary to carry their craft items back and forth from meetings and to Commandery functions, but it was made heavy enough to carry books and other important items for both men and ladies. The price of the tote bag is \$25.00,

including shipping and insurance. A \$5.00 donation for each tote sold will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Please send check or money order to: Sandra Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087-0158.

Sale of Masonic Shelf to Benefit the KTEF

The Blue Lodge shelf, shown at right, is a beautiful, red mahogany piece. It is hand cut and features the Masonic working tools of the square and compass, the plumb, the hourglass, the hammer, columns, the Master's top hat, and the level. The shelf measures 21 inches long by 11 and 1/2 inches wide, and the width is 6 inches from the base to the front and 3/8 of an inch thick. It is enhanced by a coat of polyurethane to bring out the richness of the red mahogany. The shelf is manufactured by a disabled American veteran of the Vietnam War. With all the hand cuts, the shelf takes him over 4 and 1/2 hours to manufacture.



If you are interested in buying a shelf, please send check or money order in the amount of \$89.00 (includes shipping and handling) to: Stanley C. Buz; mail to him at: P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.

KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2 1/2 inch diameter, embroidered emblem has been produced for use on mantles and blazers of KCT recipients. The emblem is to be centered on the Cross that adorns the left side of the mantle or ceremonial robe or on the left side (on pocket) of a dress blazer. The same use is required for the GCT emblem which is bordered with a wreath. The cost of the KCT emblem is \$8.50 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling, and the cost of the GCT emblem is \$10.00 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling. Contact: Jon Patrick Sweet, 7474 Benton Street, Westminster, CO 80003-7001, or phone (303) 430-8483.



Sale of 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 40th 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.

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 \$165.00. (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: cwinterhalter@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: Cwinterhalter@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.

■ 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 recently held its 150th anniversary celebration. 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.

■ Combined fund-raiser: Vernon Commandery No. 33 and Amarillo Commandery No. 48 are selling centennial coins, one from each Commandery, to help fund Commandery projects. These coins are 1 and 1/2-inch, die stamped, iron coins with antique brass finish and a coined edge. Both coins for \$12.00, postpaid. Make checks payable to Vernon Commandery No. 33, and mail to Bob Melear, 410 W. 13th Street, Quanah, TX 79252.

■ Wanted: A Sir Knight is looking for a Commandery uniform jacket (C.P.O. coat), size 46 or 48, long (or regular), in good condition. E-mail jimweekely@hotmail.com

■ For sale: Past Eminent Commander's jewel, 14 K gold. It is a shame to scrap this beautiful jewel. Inscription: E. Sir Benj. A. Hockenberry, 1930, Hospitalier Commandery N-46, Pennsylvania. Wish to sell for \$400.00 plus postage and insurance, and will make a donation of \$25 to KTEF. Joseph Velott, 1620 Meade Street, Williamsport, PA 17701-3715; telephone (570) 322-3506.

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

■ For sale: Knights Templar shoulder straps, pairs, finest quality available, all ranks, embroidered in extra fancy real gold and silver bullion on velvet with velcro backs: Due to the high price of gold and silver, the manufacturer has raised his prices again: Past Commander (red); serving Commander, Generalissimo (specify either traditional or just lamb and square), 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., \$60; Past Grand Commander (purple): \$70; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$85. Also: chapeaux crosses in extra fancy gold/silver bullion w/velcro back: Sir Knight, \$45; Past Commander, \$50; Grand Commandery and Grand Rep. (red), \$65; Past Grand Commander (purple), \$70; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$80. Embroidered extra fancy gold/silver sleeve crosses (pair), velcro back: Sir Knight, \$45; P.C., \$45; Grand Commandery, \$50; P.G.C. (purple), \$70; Grand Encampment and special orders, \$85. We can now have initials embroidered in silver on a pair of straps at \$15 for each initial (for the pair); embroidered gold/silver fatigue hat bullion crosses: Sir Knight, \$45; Past Commander, \$50. Metal cap crosses: silver, \$32; gold, \$38; Past Commander's jewel, \$52. All items plus shipping, handling, and insurance: 1st item, \$5.00; each additional item, \$1.00. ALSO, we have a Sir Knight's sword, a Royal Arch Mason sword, and a Past Commander's sword, all antique and of extremely fine quality, \$225 each plus \$25 shipping. 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. Phone (386) 304-6157.

■ Sword slings available in 2-inch or 1-inch wide, white or black nylon straps with black, fine grade leather sword holder and with heavy duty black clips. They are adjustable to fit all sizes—\$19.00 each plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. For further details or brochure, write Tom Starnes, 3357 River Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30044-5537, call (678) 923-6776 or e-mail tonausta@comcast.net Checks to K.T. Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.

■ 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 Jeannette Street, Cochran, GA 31014; e-mail anealmimbs@bellsouth.net*

■ For sale: Royal Arch Chapter neck-ties, black with R.A. logo (triple tau) embroidered. \$20.00 each, shipping included. Bulk orders accepted. Call for pricing at (904) 797-7659 or e-mail *bmagu2003@bellsouth.net*. Checks to *Burt Maguire, 4241 Oak Lane, St. Augustine, FL 32086*.

■ Northeastern Lodge No. 210, Fremont, Indiana, is planning its 150th anniversary to be held in 2007. Part of the program is the issuance of a commemorative coin with the likeness of General Lewis B. Hershey on one side. General Hershey supervised the selective service for over three decades. He was also a 50-year member of Northeastern Lodge No. 210. The coins are 1 and 9/16 inch, antique bronze, and sell for \$10.00, plus \$1.00 shipping. (Special finish, gold or silver plated available at \$50.00 each.) This is a fund-raiser for our new lodge. Check or MOs to *Northeastern Lodge No. 210*, and send to *John Myers, 20 South John Court, Angola, IN 46703*.

■ 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*.

■ 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*.

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We should oft ponder those qualities that bring joy to life:
A place to live with warmth and comfort,
The financial means to support a family and wife,
Our system of justice that gives us support.

We can love and worship God as our conscious dictates
We live and work where we choose
And that we have opportunity—there is no debate;
Without opportunity we have much to lose.

Now let us remember why we are able
To stand up against the tyrant's flag,
It is because of the men of the Star Spangled Banner,
Who gave all in a valiant and selfless manner.

They went and still go forth with gallantry and valor
And faced the enemies who would destroy our liberty
From deserts hot, to bitter cold and steaming jungles squalor
They fought and light now to preserve that precious gift, liberty!

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