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**William Howard Koon II**  
**Most Eminent Grand Master**  
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## Grand Master's Message for November 2007

Dear Fellow Sir Knights,

As I put pen to paper for this first message as Grand Master, it is with sadness and humility that I address this note to you.

Sadness, because issues of health have prevented Sir Knight Richard Burditt Baldwin, GCT, from the completion of his term as Grand Master. Dick had a strong "Vision" for Templary, and I shall do my best to see his plans through to completion. He has been a good friend and tireless worker for Templary, and his contributions to our Order are worthy of emulation. He is in my prayers daily, as I hope he will be in yours.



Though my installation as Grand Master had occurred in a most unfortunate manner, it has been a very humbling experience. I look forward to visiting with the leadership of our Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies soon, that together, we may lay plans to realize our best destiny.

During this time of Thanksgiving, we as Templars, have much for which to be Thankful. The events of the recent past illustrate that our Templar forefathers in writing our Constitution had a vision for dealing with such matters. We are thankful for their foresight in laying a plan of succession. Sir Knight Richard Baldwin, as Grand Master, built a consensus of purpose with those of us who were his officers, that his "Vision" might be completed even in his absence. We are thankful for his foresight. As Grand Master, I am thankful for the Officers and Committee Members of the Grand Encampment. They are fine people, who will assure our success. I'm grateful to Sir Knight Baldwin for their appointments.

I wish for you a most enjoyable Thanksgiving with your friends and families. Let us remember to say a prayer of appreciation for our Troops, who won't be with their families during this special Holiday.

Yours in Templary,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "William H. Koon II." The signature is written in a cursive style.

William H. Koon II, GCT  
Grand Master

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

NOVEMBER: We all welcome Grand Master Koon, whose first message is on page 2 and whose biography starts on page 5. We salute the Grand Commanders of Grand Commanderies with their pictures starting on page 9 and their addresses on page 12. If you don't know much about Masonic Week, you'll want to read about it on pages 7–8. News from this early stage of the Annual Voluntary Campaign for the KTEF starts on page 14 with your General Chairman, Sir Knight T. Jeffery Conquest, speaking of the OPC Club, one great way Sir Knights, other Masons, and friends can support the KTEF. Have you shopped the KTEF Shopping Mall yet? Get the information you need on page 18. There's much more including the story of Sir Knight Robert S. Wilson, starting on page 22!

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## Sir Knight William Howard Koon II Installed as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A.

*Sir Knight William H. Koon II was installed the Most Eminent Grand Master (2007–2009) of the Grand Encampment on August 28, 2007, upon Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin's resignation from that office for reasons of health. Sir Knight Bill is a Past Grand Commander of Ohio, 1996, and Right Eminent Past Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, 1997–2000. He was elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master at the 63rd Triennial Conclave in Houston, Texas, in August 2006. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo at the 62nd Triennial Conclave August 2003 in St. Louis, Missouri, and was elected to the Grand Line of the Grand Encampment as Right Eminent Grand Captain General at the 61st Triennial Conclave in August of 2000 in Nashville, Tennessee.*

Sir Knight Koon was born in Lima, Ohio, on March 12, 1949, to William H. and Vivian A. Brown Koon. He is a graduate of Bath High School and attended Ohio State University for 3 years. He is a member of the Columbus Grove United Church of Christ. Bill is married to Elizabeth Jane Thornley, and they reside less than a mile from the family farm where he grew up near Columbus Grove, Ohio. They have a daughter, Andrea Koon Gillespie; a son-in-law, Adam J. Gillespie; two grandsons, Adam Kade Gillespie and Silas Robert Gillespie; and a son, William Steven Winebrenner. Bill is the President of Lord's Enterprises Inc. and Republic Mills Inc., both family agri-businesses including livestock feed manufacturing, grain elevators, and a farming operation. He is involved in many professional and civic organizations, both locally and statewide.

Masonically, Bill is a Senior DeMolay of Fidelity Chapter in Lima and holds the Chevalier, Cross of Honor, Active Legion of Honor, is an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and in 2006 he was invested with the DeMolay Grand Cross. He was Raised a Master Mason in 1970 in Ada Lodge No. 344 and later demitted

to Rufus Putnam Lodge No. 364 in Columbus Grove, where he served 3 years as Worshipful Master. In 2001 he became a dual member of Ft. Amanda Lodge No. 706 in Lima. He is a Past High Priest of Lima Chapter No. 49, R.A.M., and Past Illustrious Master of Lima Council No. 20, R. & S.M. He was Knighted in Shawnee Commandery No. 14 by his father on March 13, 1971, and was elected Eminent Commander in 1980. He is a member of Shawnee Commandery No. 14 Drill Team, marching in 7 Triennial Drills beginning in Chicago in 1973, including twice as Captain. He is a member and Charter Commander of St. George Commandery No. 76, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Van Wert, OH; St. Bernard Commandery No. 41, Denver, CO; Frankfort Commandery No. 4, Frankfort, KY, and Blaney Commandery No. 5, Tremont, IL. In addition to Ohio, Bill is a member and voting delegate of the Grand Commanderies of Ohio, Colorado, Illinois, and Kentucky, and in 2006, Bill was elected an Honorary Member of the Wyoming Black Horse Troop.

Sir Knight Koon first served the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio, as an Aide-de-Camp to Sir Knight William J. Faul, KCT,

during his term as Grand Commander and received the Meritorious Service Award for his efforts in 1981. Bill served the First Division of the Grand Commandery of Ohio as Deputy Division Commander from 1985–1987, and was appointed Grand Sentinel by Sir Knight Frank W. Crane, KCT, R.E.G.C., in 1987. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio on September 13, 1996.

Bill served the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, as a member of the Easter Sunrise Breakfast Committee and an ad-hoc member of the Committee on Drill Regulations from 1991–1994, and was co-Chairman of the Committee on Drill Regulations during the 1994–1997 triennium. He served 8 years as the personal Aide to Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, GCT, M.E.P.G.M. of the Grand Encampment, and as the Affinity Coordinator for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Mastercard program from 1991–1999. Bill was invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment in 1992 and is currently the Deputy for the Ohio KCT Program. He was appointed Department Commander of the East Central Department for the 1997–2000 triennium. Bill was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment at the 61st Triennial in Nashville, Tennessee, on August 15, 2000. Upon installation into that office, he was invested with the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple. On August 16, 2006, he was installed as Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. Upon the resignation of Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, GCT,

M.E.G.M. on August 28, 2007, for reasons of health, he was installed as Most Eminent Grand Master by Sir Knight Thurman Cleveland Pace, Jr., KGC, M.E.H.P.G.M.

Illustrious Brother Koon is a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo, and a dual member of the Valley of Dayton, receiving the 33° from the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J., in Grand Rapids on September 23, 1997. In June 2004 he was elected and is currently serving as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Valley of Toledo. In 2007 he was made an Honorary Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) of the Valley of New Orleans, Louisiana.

He is a member of appendant organizations including Zenobia Temple, AAONMS of Toledo, OH, their Crusader Unit, and the Lima Shrine Club; Charter Sovereign and current Recorder of Charlemagne Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in Lima, OH; dual member of Holy Grail Conclave in Dayton, OH; Honorary member of St. Leonard Conclave, Jackson, MS; St. Hilary Conclave, Ft. Wayne, IN; LaFayette Conclave, Athens, OH; and served the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine as Grand Herald, 1999–2000; Intendant General at large, 2002–2003; and was invested with the Knight Commander of Constantine by the Imperial Council, R.C.C. of France in 2007; Past Preceptor of Prince of Peace Tabernacle X, HRAKTP, and on February 9, 2007, he was elected Grand Preceptor of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Other memberships are: Charter and Past Chief Adept, IX° Grade, Ohio

College MSRICF, Honorary Member of Illinois College, Wisconsin College, and New Jersey College, MSRICF; in 1998 he was elected Junior Deputy Supreme Magus and was invested with the rank and title of Knight Grand Cross (KGC), and on February 8, 2007, he was elected Supreme Magus of the High Council, MSRICF; Centennial College No. 87, Blackstone College No. 195, Sovereign York Rite College of North America, Order of the Purple Cross of York, 1997; Past Sovereign of Buckeye Council No. 92, A.M.D.; Charter member Shawnee Council No. 355, A.M.D.; awarded the Red Branch of Eri, and appointed Grand Tiler of the Grand Council, A.M.D., in 2005; Past Grand Chancellor of the Grand College of

Rites of the U.S.A.; Charter member of Irish Council No. 67, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; Kincora Council No. 8, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; Past Grand Tall of Ohio Northern Forest No. 188, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master ad vitam, and Grand Commander Occidental of the Royal Society of Knights Occidental; Secretary/Treasurer of the Program Committee for A.M.D. Week in Washington D.C.; Daniel Boone Chapter of National Sojourners, Inc.; Past President of the Forty-Fivers; Grove Chapter No. 527, O.E.S.; Lima Shrine No. 20, White Shrine of Jerusalem; and High Twelve International Club No. 590.

## **What is Masonic Week or DC Masonic Week or A.M.D. Masonic Week?**

**by Sir Knights Thurman C. Pace, Jr., M.E.H.P.G.M.  
and Dan Pushee, P.C., KCT**

Perhaps Masonic Week can be defined as an "In-gathering" of Masons of national appendant bodies for the purpose of conducting annual meetings. It provides an excellent opportunity to meet and "converse on the level" with many well-known Freemasons, especially those of the York Rite. It is, also, a time to enjoy excellent banquets and even "fun degrees."

### **In the beginning:**

"The Sovereign College of Allied Masonic and Christian Degrees was established in Richmond, on January 15, 1892, by the Reverend Hartley Carmichael, who had immigrated to the United States via Canada from Dublin, Ireland. He presided over the College as Sovereign Grand Master until January 18, 1901. After Carmichael's death, the Sovereign College moved to Norway, Maine, where it met until 1933.

"In 1932 the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America formed in Salisbury, North Carolina. In 1933 said Council entered into Articles of Union with the Sovereign College of the Allied Masonic and Christian Degrees, which was ratified by both parties. The Grand Council met in North Carolina through March 29, 1937, except for two years when meetings were held in Alexandria, Virginia.

"Effective February 21, 1938, the Grand Council moved to Washington, D.C., where it has met continuously through February 2007, with the exception

of 1945, when no annual meeting was held due to WWII. The first four meetings in D.C. were held at the Hamilton Hotel, the next two at the Washington Hotel; then, nine were held at the Raleigh Hotel, followed by five at the Statler Hotel. The first meeting at the Hotel Washington was on February 21, 1959, where the Grand Council has met through the February 2007 meeting, for a total of 49 continuous annual meetings.

"In 2008 we will return to Alexandria, Virginia, where we last met in 1934."<sup>1</sup> Through the years additional organizations have joined in participating in what is now an "expanded week" of activities.

Last year the participating organizations were:

Grand Preceptors Council of the  
Commemorative Order of St.  
Thomas of Acon in the Province of  
the United States of America  
The High Council Masonic Societas  
Rosicruciana in  
Civitatibus Foederatis  
Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor  
Grand Council, Knight Masons, U.S.A.  
Society of Blue Friars  
Grand College of America, HRAKTP

Chevaliers Bienfaisants  
De La Cite Sainte  
Royal Society of Knights Occidental  
The Philalethes Society  
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Grand College of Rites of the U.S.A.  
Nine Muses Council No. 13  
Grand Council of  
Allied Masonic Degrees  
Ye Antiente Order of Corks  
Convent General—KYCH

**This coming year DC Masonic Week is February 6–9, 2008.** We will meet in the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, Alexandria, Virginia. **You can actually make your reservations on-line: GROUP CODE=AMD** There are 480 rooms, and there is shuttle service to Reagan. Parking is less than 1/3 what it was at the Hotel Washington. The \$135 rate for 2008 is the same as we paid this year. Meals have been negotiated at the same level as we paid this year and will escalate only at the rate that food prices rise. The Hotel is located on I-395 at Exit 4 and is about 3 miles from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. There is free shuttle service to the Metro Station at the foot of Shooter's Hill for those who want to take the subway into the District. Hotel rates will be \$135 and are available by calling 1-800-HILTONS, identifying the hotel as the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center and Group Name as "AMD." Suites are available at a reduced price for groups needing them. Make your hotel reservations **EARLY!** Program information will appear on-line at [www.yorkrite.org](http://www.yorkrite.org)

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# Saluting Our Grand Commanders

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

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



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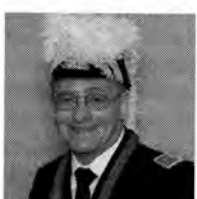
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## Important Reminder

All reports and funds are to be relayed through the Grand Commandery Chairmen. The emphasis, as in past campaigns, is on benefits and fund-raising projects—one big event, if feasible—and PROMPT ACCURATE REPORTING THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS!

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**A Message from Sir Knight T. Jeffery Conquest, KGC  
General Chairman of the 40th Annual Campaign for the KTEF,  
Trustee of the Board of the KTEF, and P.G.C. of Indiana**

Greetings, Sir Knights:

Recently as I have begun making presentations on behalf of your Knights Templar Eye Foundation at Department Conferences, I've become aware that not everyone has knowledge of a few of the KTEF award programs.

One in particular is the OPC Club. The Order of the Purple Cross is an honor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, and the OPC Club affords the opportunity for OPC holders to become members of the OPC Club with a minimum donation of \$33.00. Friends and relatives may also honor an OPC holder with a like donation in his honor.

Unfortunately, in fiscal year 2007 the Foundation only received \$2,638 in contributions to the OPC Club. While the OPC is a York Rite commendation, it was the lowest source of funds for our Foundation. It was eclipsed by the 33° Club by almost twice the amount. Hopefully, we can reverse this in 2008 by honoring our OPC members and making this club one of the largest sources of funds for your Knights Templar Eye Foundation for the treatment, prevention, and research of eye disease.

As we prepare for and immerse ourselves in another Annual Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, I want to thank all of the Sir Knights who have unselfishly participated in our common passion: "That Others May See." Hopefully, this year's Campaign will eclipse last year's impressive results and provide us the opportunity to increase our assistance to those who face the loss of sight.

**T. Jeffery Conquest, P.G.C.**  
**General Chairman of the Campaign**  
**Trustee of the Board of KTEF**



Sir Knight Conquest resides at 1903 Somersworth Drive, San Jose, CA 95124.

## Knights Templar Eye Foundation Presents Award to Dr. Kareena Menezes of Baylor University

Dr. Kareena Menezes of Baylor University in Texas was awarded a KTEF grant for the continuation of her exciting work in the laboratory of Richard Hurwitz. In the picture, Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer, M.E. Past Grand Master (second from right) presents the award to Dr. Menezes, on his right. This brings to 34 the number of awards made to Baylor since 1985, totaling more than \$800,000 for which they are very proud.



## NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO KTEF CLUBS

### Contributors to the 33° Club

John C. Metcalf, 33° (WI)  
in honor of Ralph L. Behlke, 33°

Alfred W. Paschke, 33° (WI)  
in honor of William E. Wenzel, 33°

### Contributors to the OPC Club

Gerald F. Thorp (MI)

Ronald L. Snider (MI)

**Note: For information on the Order of the Purple Cross Club, read the Campaign Chairman, T. Jeffery Conquest's message on page 14.**

**How to join the Grand Commander's or Grand Master's clubs:** Any individual may send a check in the amount of \$100 or more specified for the purpose of beginning a Grand Commander's Club membership and made payable to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial contribution will begin your Grand Commander's Club membership. In addition, members of the Grand Commander's Club pledge to make annual contributions of \$100 or

more. Once contributions total \$1,000, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master's Club. Membership is open to individuals only, and there is Commandery credit given for participation. Information is available from: Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc; 1000 East State Parkway, Suite I; Schaumburg, IL 60173-2460. The phone number is: (847) 490-3838. The fax number is: (847) 490-3777.

*Information on the KTEF Shopping Mall is on page 18. ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡*

# Louisiana Supplement

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## Louisiana York Rite Calendar 2007

November 5, 2007  
November 17, 2007  
December 15, 2007

Commandery Inspection, Leesville  
York Rite College, Baton Rouge  
York Rite Festival, Alexandria

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye It's that time again!

Just when you thought you could kick back, relax, take a deep breath and chill-out for a while, our Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign for 2007-2008 comes roaring back to the forefront. It is now time for all of our Louisiana Commanderies to begin their fund raising activities. A good way to start is by appointing strong leaders to head up the KTEF program in your Commandery. There are a lot of excellent ways to raise money... Winning the Lottery may not necessarily be one of them.... Just be creative..!!

As I ponder the upcoming campaign, a very introspective poem comes to mind, entitled, "**The Dash**"

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At a funeral of a friend  
He referred to the dates on his tombstone  
From the beginning to the end.

He noted that first came the date of his birth  
And spoke of the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the Dash between those years.

For that Dash represents all the time  
That he spent alive on earth  
And now only those who loved him  
Know what that little line is worth



For it matters not, how much we own,  
The cars, the house, the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our Dash

So, think about this long and hard,  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
That can still be re-arranged.

If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel

And be less quick to anger  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect  
And more often wear a smile,  
Remembering that this special Dash  
Might only last a little while

So when your eulogy is being read  
With your life's actions to rehash,  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your DASH.?

What do you say, Sir Knights, that we each invest a small portion of our "DASH" in our effort to make this year's fund raising campaign more successful than ever before? Blessed are those who can give without remembering and receive without forgetting.



**SK John Richter, Chairman KTEF, Louisiana**

*"Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar"*



## ► KTEF SHOPPING MALL

### DID YOU KNOW?

Every time you make a purchase on the KTEF Shopping Mall, the Eye Foundation receives about 3% of your charge purchase.

When you shop on the KTEF Shopping Mall, you access each individual store's own website.

There are about 1,800 stores that can be accessed from the Mall.

It takes but 2 clicks to access all these locations.

Now that you know, why not shop there? Simply go to: [www.knightstemplar.org](http://www.knightstemplar.org) and click on **"KTEF SHOPPING MALL"** on the left side of the page, and you're there helping those less fortunate to see!

Now you can shop and at the same time provide sight! We could call it "Click & See"!

## IN MEMORIAM



**David Stephen Tanner**  
Wyoming  
Grand Commander—1990  
Born: December 7, 1935  
Died: September 14, 2006

**Richard William Anderson**  
Minnesota  
Grand Commander—2005  
Born: November 17, 1935  
Died: August 12, 2007

**Paul V. Hersh**  
Wisconsin  
Grand Commander—1999  
Born: January 9, 1927  
Died: August 28, 2007

**James A. Grace**  
Connecticut  
Grand Commander—1978  
Born: March 11, 1916  
Died: September 1, 2007

**Thomas C. Yantis**  
Texas  
Grand Commander—1985  
Born: November 3, 1923  
Died: September 27, 2007

## A Small Project Grows into Large Rewards

What started as a small project for Carol Alexander, the wife of Sir Knight Lynn B. Alexander of Miami Commandery No. 22 in Lebanon, Ohio, has taken off in directions no one ever expected, least of all Carol.

Many Ohio members have grown accustomed to finding Christmas cards on their tables at the Commandery banquets and at receptions for several years now. All the Masonic bodies joined with the Commandery in writing Christmas messages to the troops over the past four years, never knowing what was taking place during the year.

Carol had started writing to many of the troops during the year and filling their special requests for such items as: DVD players with movies and popcorn, games, special food items such as high protein foods, an electric skillet, blankets, sheets, towels, Christmas trees with decorations, MP3 player, pots, pans, dishes, flatware, and 65 pairs of sneakers, along with underwear and Dockers for a hospital in Qatar. All were packed alongside phone cards and letters of encouragement for the wounded soldiers. Her signature item fast became popsicles in the summer to those she knew had access to a freezer. There was even a request early on for a microwave, which was sent. Probably the most unusual requests were for a microscope and golf clubs; these were supplied by some of the volunteers who had now learned what she was doing and joined in to help.

In June of 2007, the project that had come to be known a "Operation: Thank You" had grown so much it had to incorporate. It became an IRS approved, non-profit organization serving presently 65 units in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Qatar. This year OTY will ship about 1,000 care

packages, 900 pounds of jelly bean with a message attached to each, and 3,000 Valentines made by local school children, and the goal for 2007 Christmas cards is 16,000.

Most of the troops who benefit from the organization have Ohio ties; many are Masons or family of Masons. The membership of Operation: Thank You has now grown to over 300 volunteers, and it has spread to three other states. Many are also Masons or Eastern Star members.

There is no one more surprised about all of this than Carol and Lynn. She says to be careful when you say to God, "I'm only one person, what can I do?" He might just show you.

Carol warns those who ask to join Operation: Thank You that the troops are addictive. There are many people who want to do something but don't know how to go about it or what to do. OTY shows them how to do it. This is a very rewarding project. Carol says, "I never know from one day to the next who I will meet or what I will be shopping for. It makes life interesting. I have never gotten used to the troops writing to thank us for what we do. The whole idea is to thank THEM! They are the ones out there putting their lives on the line for US."

The slogan for Operation: Thank You, Inc. has developed into: **One Person Joining with Many to Serve Our Troops While They Serve Us.**

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, make your check to Operation: Thank You, and mail it to P.O. Box 59, Morrow, OH 45152. For more information, you may contact Carol at [carolalex1@embarqmail.com](mailto:carolalex1@embarqmail.com) or 2467 Ford Road, Morrow, OH 45152. Check the web site at [www.ohiooperationthankyou.org](http://www.ohiooperationthankyou.org)

# On the Masonic Newsfront

## New York Drill Team Marches in Fisher Price Toy Fest Parade



The Empire State Commandery No. 83 Drill Team marched in the Fisher Price Toy Fest Parade in East Aurora, New York, on August 25, 2007. They were in full Templar uniforms (shown above marching), making a big impression on onlookers! The Sir Knights participating were (to left): Anthony Olivieri, Anthony Jacobik, David Thomason, Bert Larson, James MacConnell, David Shire, Norman Austin, Carl Fisher, Albion Parson, and Lee Garrison. Sir Knights Olivieri and Jacobik carried the Knights Templar of New York banner in the lead, followed by the Class D. Drill team, under the direction of Sir Knight Larson as Captain General. The team performed several drill maneuvers and

formed the Egyptian and Passion crosses while marching. They were very impressive and received many good comments on their very professional performance!

## Tri-State Royal Arch Festival

August of each year brings the Royal Arch festival to a different place for the performing of the Royal Arch degrees. The rotation is between Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

This year Michigan was the host state, and the degrees were performed at the hall of Kingford/Iron Mountain Lodge No. 388; next year, 2008, it will be in Wausau, Wisconsin, and in 2009 it will be in Duluth, Minnesota.

Each year the host state performs the Royal Arch degree, and the other states conduct the Past Master, Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees. → → →



This year was the 50th anniversary of this festival. The Royal Arch degree team is pictured on page 20, left to right: front row: R.E. William Fairchild, Grand King of Michigan Grand Chapter; Paul Williams, M.E. Grand High Priest; E. Companion Eugene Smith; Harry Walbridge, P.M.E.G.H.P.; E. Companion Loren Marlowe; 2nd row: Paul Howell, P.M.E.G.H.P.; William Siebert, P.M.I.G.M.; Jim White, P.M.I.G.M. of New Mexico and a member of Delta Chapter No. 118; E.



Companion Robert E. Cooper; and E. Companion George Maule. This year the festival inducted 11 new members with P.M.E.G.H.P. Paul Howell as Principal Sojourner (center front), pictured at right above. A fine supper was served by the local O.E.S. Chapter. (photo by Sir Knight Jim Turner; article by Sir Knight Jim White)

### Nevada York Rite Summer Festival in Las Vegas—June 23 and 30



On Saturday, June 30, 2007, Zelzah Shrine of Las Vegas, Nevada, hosted the York Rite dinner in honor of the new Knights Templar, who were Knighted at this festival. Above left are Lodge Brothers at Zelzah Shrine, and above right is Sir Knight and Shriner, Jim Denny.

### York Rite Ladies of Colorado Raise Many Dollars



Sir Knight Leon "Les" Sonksen, editor of the Colorado Supplement, writes: "For years the wives, widows, and friends of Colorado York Rite members have maintained a hospitality room during the 3-day York Rite grand sessions. Along with all the goodies to eat during break times and a place for the ladies to gather for conversation, the room is loaded with crafts, books, pictures, flowers, etc., available

for sale. This September baskets were prepared for fund-raising containing items based on many themes: home, sports, beauty supplies, etc. There were silent auctions and selling of tickets for various items, and the ladies raised \$2,463 to be divided between the 3 York Rite philanthropies. We thank the ladies for their interest and hard work in raising funds, while they have fun doing it!"



## The Last Mounted Cavalryman

by Doby

*I go to the door as Warder to inform the Sentinel that Burning Taper Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, is open and the Commander wishes him to guard accordingly. I hear the reply "will do" in a deep bass voice. I close the door and receive the appropriate number of knocks.*

*Sir Knight Robert Samuel*

*(Bob) Wilson is left to the calm of the outer courts for the next several minutes. I have observed this ceremony for the past 12 years, because when Bob needed support of his wheeled walker at 80, he requested the job of Sentinel and continues every year to the present.*



"Many are called, but few are chosen." Bob has completed the positions of Excellent High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander, and once was an appointed Grand officer. His devotion to York Rite Masonry, and especially to the Commandery, has been continuous and faithful since 1950.

We read of the famous in Masonry's many volumes of monthly, quarterly, and bimonthly magazines and newsletters, but I wish to praise the labor in the quarries of men like Bob Wilson who are dependable and serve a lifetime by "suiting up and showing up."

Bob has been Sierra Vista, Arizona's York Rite regalia committee chairman for the past 20 years. It is not unusual to see Bob with a robe or mantle spread across his lap, needle and thread in hand making a repair.

He has made a costume record book second to none, recording and photographing every piece of costume for all York Rite degrees. One simply goes to "Bob's Book" to find the proper dress and its accompanying number in the closet of hanging garments. Every piece of equipment is carefully shelved by identification number for easy access to use in any opening or degree. He spends hours realigning the equipment we return to the wrong

place. He monitors the checkout sheet and keeps track of loaned equipment.

Bob is a 15-year Temple Board member, who demands respect of both internal and external facility. One might see Bob's car parked in front of the Lodge at any time of day as he works unselfishly to keep things repaired and in order.

It is my reward to be a friend, Brother, Companion, and fellow Sir Knight of such a man. To see Bob come into the Lodge pushing his "fliver" (wheeled walker) gives me such gladness. Seeing the good man who devotes his life to Brotherhood reminds me to be of service.

Robert Samuel Wilson was born December 28, 1914, in Superior, Wisconsin, the son of Samuel S. Wilson and Josephine Babcock Wilson. Bob's father was a Mason working as an engineer for Wisconsin Bell Telephone Company following his U.S. Army service in the Spanish American War. Bob's father resigned his Captaincy to work in the yellow fever wards at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington D.C. Bob's mother remained a housewife and devoted mother. Samuel S. Wilson took up residency in Janesville, Wisconsin, early in the 20th Century.

Bob attended grade school in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and high school

at White Water City High School graduating in 1936. Bob's mother died following years of bedridden care by him and his father about the time of his graduation. Bob had enlisted in the U.S. Army Mounted Cavalry Reserves in 1934 and continued his high school education part time and spent two years at White Water State Teachers College while a full-time U.S. Army reservist.



Army in Marseilles, France. Bob's division made the drive to Munich, Germany, ending the war in Europe, and his second discharge came on December 7, 1945. He had reached the rank of Buck Sergeant of his platoon.

### THE 105<sup>TH</sup> MOUNTED CAVALRY

His enlistment sent him to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he trained as a mounted cavalry soldier. Training consisted of learning to shoot from a horse. The course through which the horse maneuvered was designed to have the mounted soldier shoot at targets right, left, behind, and in front while at full trot. Bob, astride his gelding mount named "White Socks," learned to shoot when the horse was on his down trot for best accuracy. He also carried a machine gun with his cavalry platoon, and they would set up firing positions after dismounting near a front line. Bob was trained and then became a trainer, soon advancing to corporal.

White Socks became his own assigned horse, requiring his daily attention to shoeing, grooming, feeding, medical, stabling, and constant loving care. No officer of any rank was allowed to borrow White Socks, as he was Bob's assigned charge. Bob received his discharge in 1940 and returned to Janesville, Wisconsin, to work with his father at Wisconsin Bell as an apprentice lineman.

Following Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, Bob was recalled in January 1942 to the mechanized cavalry, becoming a member of the "Greatest Generation." Sent to camp Bowie, Texas, for training, he again became a trainer until early in 1944 when he was transferred to the 3454 MM Ordinance Division and sent to the European theater with the 7th

### CIVILIAN LIFE

Bob returned to Janesville, Wisconsin, where his wife awaited. Robert S. Wilson and Virginia E. Weber, his long-time school sweetheart, had married while Bob was on furlough on August 21, 1944. He continued to work as a master splicer and lineman for Wisconsin Bell. A son, John Robert Wilson, was born to Bob and Virginia in 1946. Bob worked for Wisconsin Bell from 1940 to 1977 with the only interruption being WWII.

### MASONIC HISTORY

Bob's father, Samuel Wilson, being a Mason, the Craft became Bob's next goal. He was initiated 9/25/50, passed 1/8/51, and was raised 3/26/51 in Janesville Lodge No. 5, Janesville, Wisconsin. Bob received his 50-year pin in 2001. He petitioned Janesville York Rite Bodies in 1951 and received his Chapter, Council degrees and Commandery Orders in 1952. Bob and Virginia joined Janesville Chapter No. 69, O.E.S., and Bob was Worthy Patron in 1952. He received his 50-year pin in 2001. He later joined Zor Shrine in Madison, Wisconsin. He became a Past High Priest of Janesville Chapter No. 5 in 1954. Following this Bob's main Masonic interest changed to DeMolay. He became advisor to

Janesville DeMolay and remained their adult leader from 1950 to the early 1970s, receiving the Cross of Honor. Bob continued to work with youth and especially with his son, John Robert, who became a Master Counselor of Janesville DeMolay. During these years of working with youth, he formed the Janesville Water Ski Club, which developed troubled youth into the most famous water ski show group in the land. They have done shows all over the world.

Sadly, Bob's wife Virginia died suddenly and unexpectedly April 23, 1968, at age 48. He says she was his barometer of life, "kept me mellow," and their love was very deep. Bob worked for Wisconsin Bell another 9 years until arthritis caused his retirement. He moved to Arizona for relief in 1978.

Bob renewed his Masonic life with the Sierra Vista, Arizona Lodges. Through the '80s he worked on the Temple Board Maintenance. By the 1990s his leadership was again needed and he served as Eminent Commander of Burning Taper Commandery No. 15 in Sierra Vista in 1990. He served again as Excellent High Priest in 1992 and Illustrious Master in 1993. Bob was elected to the Past Commanders' Association in 1990 while he was Grand Guard of the Grand Commandery of Arizona. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel TIM in 1993, Deputy Grand Lecturer, 1995. He is a member of Tucson Valley Scottish Rite, White Rose College No. 117, Tucson, and Tucson Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He was named Mason of the Year by Huachuca Lodge No. 53, F. & A.M., Sierra Vista, in 1994. He is a KTEF Life Sponsor and received the Bronze Medal Distinguished Service Award from Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Arizona in 2005. He holds dual membership with Janesville, Wisconsin Lodge No. 5, F. & A.M., and Huachuca No. 53, F. & A.M., Sierra Vista, Arizona.

Bob calls me "Shite Poke." I call him "Ole Badger." I have always respected and admired his generation. I have tried to emulate their conservative ways. They were the high school boys that went to war when I was in grade school. Most who returned became honorable citizens, and I apprenticed under them.

Appropriately, the Templars were mounted soldiers for Jesus Christ, and my dear friend, Robert S. Wilson, epitomizes chivalric Masonry.



Sir Knight Bob Wilson at 92

#### BOB WILSON'S FAVORITE MASONIC POEM

Let me relate an experience of mine,  
in manner so valiant and sublime;  
a single honor was conferred on me,  
Knighthood in the order of Templary.

Now I'm dressed in Templar black,  
with striped belt around the back,  
Chapeau and crest, with plume of white,  
armed with sword so shining bright.

Wearing my Chapeau with honor and pride,  
a symbol of purity never denied,  
uncovered in moments of devotion and prayer,  
kneels before God with head bowed there.

Carries the sword with a steady hand,  
obeys the order of one in command,  
always remembers that every true Knight,  
only draws his sword in defense of right.

Thus does Templary around the world,  
march for Christ with banner unfurled,  
noted for deeds of kindness and love,  
follows examples of our Commander above.

And all Knights should, with ready ear,  
hear commands of our Savior clear;  
"Be true! Be vigilant! No matter the loss,  
there is no Crown without the Cross!"

Rev. Earnest G. Rice, P.C.

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## Connecticut Commanders Receive Recognition at Annual Conclave



The Connecticut Commanders above received plaques in recognition for their Commanderies' efforts in the 2006–2007 Commandery Competition: from left to right: Jack Stevens, New Haven No. 2, earned third place and Commandery had the largest contribution to the Eye Foundation; Clyde Kayser, St. Elmo No. 9, second place, aided by the largest boost in membership; Sivert Jacobsen, Washington No. 1, first place, with a sizeable contribution to the Eye Foundation and highest activity in religious and patriotic deeds; and Charles O'Neill, Stamford Clinton No. 3, **Most Improved Commandery**, fifth place, after the Commandery being dormant for 13 years earned by its actions the right to come off probation.

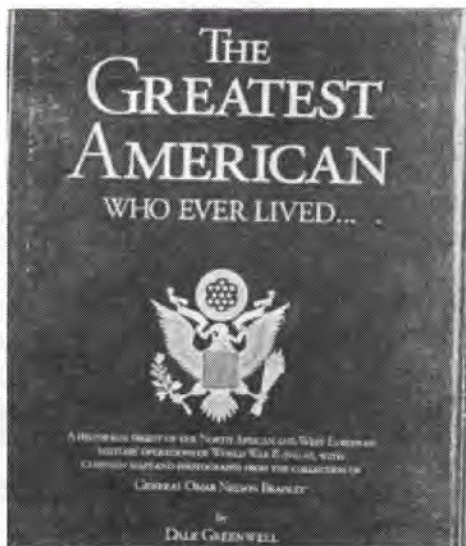
## Welcome Home Weekend for Then S.W.P., S.O.O.B., Mrs. Alcon



A Welcome Home Weekend, honoring then Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, Mrs. David E. Alcon, was given by Westminster Assembly No. 245, Maryland, and Elizabethtown Assembly No. 265, Pennsylvania, and took place in Westminster. Above left is the group returning from a tour of the Gettysburg battlefield, and right is the introduction of dignitaries at the banquet: left to right: Mrs. Carl J. Wisner and Mrs. Joseph F. Chalker, co-chairpersons of the weekend; Mrs. David E. Alcon, S.W.P.; Mrs. Jack L. Edwards, S.M.W. Oracle; Mrs. Jeanette Rife, S.W. 1st Vice President; Mrs. John A. Kleinfelder, S.W. 2nd Vice President; and Mrs. Duncan C. Watson, S.W. Preceptress.

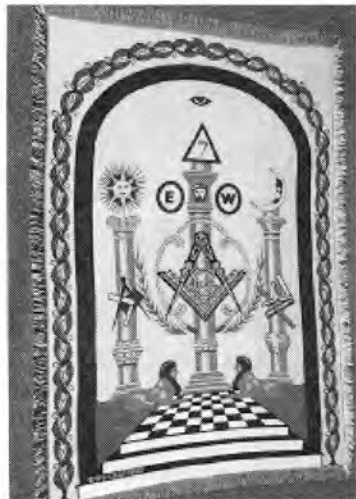
## Sale of Book to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

*The Greatest American Who Ever Lived*, by Sir Knight Dale Greenwell, is a historical digest of the North African and West European military campaigns of World War II, 1942-1945, with operation maps and 210 selected photos from General Omar N. Bradley's personal collection. It is best quality, army green and gold cover and jacket, 216 pages and 9.5 x 12.5 inches. You can view at: [JJCo@amalpha.info](mailto:JJCo@amalpha.info) but order directly from author: Dale Greenwell, P.O. Box 426, Biloxi, MS 39533 for a \$5.00 donation of each sale to KTEF, for a \$2.00 donation to the Commandery Katrina recovery fund, and for free S & H. For the latter, price is only \$39.95.



## Sale of Blue Lodge Afghan-Throw to Benefit the KTEF

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



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

## Sale of True Masonic Stein to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The stein body, 7 and 1/2 inches tall, is white ceramic. It contains a pewter lid with the Holy Bible on the top. It has a fancy thumb lift. On the body is a Masonic altar with the verse of Matthew 7:7 between the pillars, and on one side there is a poem, "A True Mason," and on the other side is a very colorful Masonic picture of the early days of Masonic heritage. Also, there are two gold bands. The price of the stein, including shipping and insurance, is \$59.00. **A \$10.00 donation from the sale of each stein will go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.** There is a limited supply of the steins, so if interested, please send check or money order to: Stanley C. Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.



**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](mailto: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](http://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: [ccwinterhalter@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:Ccwinterhalter@aol.com). **All profits go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.**



# Knight Voices

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

■ **For Sale: 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 has prepared a 2-volume set of its history to commemorate its 150th anniversary. Included in these books is the biographical sketch of all of the presiding officers of the York Rite bodies in Illinois from their formation; Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery. The 2-volume paperback set of 1,200 pages is available for \$35.00, plus shipping from Robert Baker Fisher, 2151 Baker Street, Aurora, IL 60506-1707.

■ For sale: red, white, and blue "EYE GAVE" pin, a fund-raiser for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Minnesota: \$5.00 each including S & H. All proceeds to KTEF. Checks payable to Minnesota Grand Commandery, and send to Allan Kauppi, 10508 Redwood Street, N.W., Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

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

■ **The perfect Templar gift: Knights Templar dress ties** with cross and crown on square and compass—\$22.00 each. It's a fund-raiser for the 157th Annual Conclave of Texas. The ties are black or maroon in color. The black tie has a single emblem (3/4 inch high crown, square and compass in gold with a red cross), 4 inches from tip. The maroon tie has a recurring pattern of the same emblem (1/2 inch high) placed diagonally across the tie. Both ties are 60 inches and are made of silk and polyester. Send order and check payable to 157th Grand Conclave to Dock F. Dixon, Jr., 117 U.S. Highway 87, Comfort, TX 78013. Ties will be sent day following receipt by return mail. H: (830) 995-3133, C: (210) 274-3133, e-mail: dfdixon@beecreek.net

■ 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 tonawsta@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 Jeanette Street, Cochran, GA 31014; e-mail anealmimbs@bellsouth.net

■ For Sale: Royal Arch neck-ties: black with R.A. logo (Triple Tau) embroidered. They are \$20.00 each, including shipping. Bulk orders accepted. Call for pricing at (904) 797-7659 or e-mail bmagu2003@bellsouth.net Checks payable to St. Augustine York Rite Bodies. Mail to Burt Maguire, 4241 Oak Lane, St. Augustine, FL 32086. % to KTEF.

■ **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 \$6.00, 6 to 10 is \$8.00, 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@windstream.net

■ Hope Lodge No. 145, F. & A.M., of Lafayette, Louisiana, is celebrating its 150-year anniversary. Along with other activities the lodge has commissioned Northwest Territorial Mint to strike two coins to commemorate the event. The first coin is .999 assay fine silver, one troy ounce in weight, and costs \$50 plus shipping. It is 39mm x 2.9mm thick. The second coin is a similar version in bronze and costs \$15 plus shipping. Order from *Curley Dartz, P.O. Box 406, Erath, LA 70533-0406*.

■ 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 fundraiser for our new lodge. Check or MOs to *Northeastern Lodge No. 210*, and send to *John Myers, 20 South John Court, Angola, IN 46703*.

■ 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.**

■ New novelty book available: *Pythagoras, This Cross Is for You*, by P. Master and P. Commander, Jack N. Barricklo, priced at \$7.00 each, postpaid. It's for the serious craftsman with short history, illustrations, and instruction by the "Master" himself. **1% of profit to KTEF.** (Please write "KTEF" in memo.) Checks payable to *Ourland Enterprises*, and send to *Ourland Enterprises, 8631 McDade, Houston, TX 77080-4321*.

■ Wanted: Masonic Chapter pennies by avid collector. I have been building this collection for 36 years and still need many pieces as I am collecting all varieties. These one day will end up in a Masonic museum. Why not find a home for your mark? I will gladly send you a check for one piece or will buy your collection. If you collect, I will gladly exchange. I will answer all letters. **Especially**

**needed are Iowa, Michigan, Hawaii, and Alaska pennies. Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705, (520) 888-7585.**

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

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

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

■ For sale: tooled leather items for Masons and their ladies, hand-made by a Master Mason. Items include: 6-ring notebooks, checkbook covers, wallets, and clutch purses. The square, compass, and letter G are tooled on the front or you can get any emblem from a concordant body that you wish. I have also designed a 16 x20-inch tooled leather picture entitled "A Master's Journey." This is a landscape that depicts events and symbolism on the way to becoming a Master Mason. Also, have a tooled leather belt with much of the picture. *Karl Jepsen, P.O. Box 305, Cal-Nev-Ari, NV 89039; (702) 297-1754; KarlJ68@aol.com % to KTEF.*

■ **On sale now: Masonic lapel pins, die cast coins, and other promotional items:** These are perfect for any lodge anniversary, officer installation, fund-raisers, and commemorative events year round. Favorites are custom designed: lapel pins, die cast coins, imprinted knives and coffee mugs, pens, pencils, ornaments, belt buckles, key tags, and wooden nickels and much more. Simply hand sketch your design on a piece of paper and send to me. I will create the camera ready art to produce your imprinted items. For a free information package with full color brochures contact *Bro. Frank Looser, CNF Interactive, 809 Cobble Cove, Nashville, TN 37211; (800) 765-1728, e-mail fljl@comcast.net, web site: www.cnfinteractive.com % to KTEF.*

■ For sale: two cemetery plots in Davis Funeral Home & Memorial Park, Las Vegas, Nevada: one in: Garden: Peace, section B, space 3, and the other one in: Garden: Peace, section B, space 4. Valued at \$4,800.00; both for \$4,400.00. Call (601) 416-8611.

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