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Grand Master's 2008 New Year's Message

The New Year brings us another opportunity for a fresh start on Life's Journey. Many of us make resolutions for the upcoming year, most of which never make it past the first week. As part of this month's message, it is appropriate to list this year's Goals and Resolutions of your Grand Encampment Officers.



1. We Resolve to have a new "State of the Art" On-line Data Processing System fully operational in 2008.
2. We Resolve to improve the readability, content, quality, and appearance of the *Knight Templar* magazine this year.
3. We Resolve to make our Easter Observance in Alexandria, Virginia, more "user friendly" in the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. We hope to increase attendance by scheduling events with a concern for those coming in by bus who want to attend the service and see the Washington area during the same trip.
4. We Resolve to further improve the Department Conferences so as to make them a "Want to Do" event for Templar Leaders.
5. We Resolve to more fully utilize our website as a vehicle for Templar information. We want www.knightstemplar.org to be the place to go for 90% of your questions and needs.
6. We Resolve to substantially increase support of Pediatric Research through our Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Your Grand Encampment Team of Officers are committed to continually improving the quality of Service to our Grand Commanderies. On this page one year from now, we'll report on our progress on these along with new Resolutions.

Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Koon II." The signature is written in a cursive style.

William H. Koon II, GCT
Grand Master



Knights Templar



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

JANUARY: New Year greetings from the officers and staff of the Grand Encampment! We have some new messages in keeping with plans for 2008 as enumerated by the Grand Master, page 2, and the Grand Recorder, page 4. In addition to the message from the Grand Recorder, we will also have an article concerning Knights Templar and faith to run on the “Prelate’s Chapel” page. Find out about all the plans for improving the magazine in 2008 by consulting these sections. An Easter Sunrise Service reminder is on page 7, the usual January schedule for Masonic organizations starts on page 8, and the schedule of state Conclaves for the year is on page 12. Don’t miss KTEF news starting on page 13 and all the interesting articles, plus news about Commandery activities.

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From the Grand Recorder's Office...

CHANGE

Happy New Year, Sir Knights!

The New Year affords us the opportunity to assess our performance and reassess our priorities. In future issues this page will replace the "Editor's Journal" and serve as a vehicle to communicate with and disseminate information to the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment.



Your Grand Encampment Office Staff is dedicated to serving you in an accurate and efficient manner, and as always, the Office Staff is available to assist you. We have several performance based goals and objectives for 2008 to share with you.

Database Operations

Our current member database system, which is 20 years old, will be converted to a state-of-the-art operating system.

On-line Order Processing

An On-line Order Form is accessible through the Grand Encampment web site for those items available through the Grand Recorder's Office, including: books, DVDs, pins, napkins, place cards, and place mats. We will be adding several new items, including Cross and Crown note cards and return labels, and we will begin accepting credit cards.

Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment Digest of the Approved Decisions of the Grand Masters

Our *Constitution and Statutes* were last published in 1987, and the *Digest of the Approved Decisions of the Grand Masters* was last published in 1988. These two publications will be updated, merged into one volume, and reprinted.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence E. Tucker". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Grand Recorder

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Editor's Journal



When you order any of the items below, make check or money order payable to: the Grand Encampment, and send to: Grand Encampment of Knights Templar; 5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire, TX 77401-2402.

● **The Order of Malta** is available on DVDs. Each informative DVD is only \$15.00 each plus \$3.50 for S & H (\$18.50). Also, the **Order of Red Cross** DVD is available at \$15.00 each plus \$3.50 for S & H. (\$18.50). Send in your order today!

● **GREAT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR GIFTS:** Available is the 2-volume set of *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America* by Francis J. Scully, M.D., and *History of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America—Book II* by Lt. Col. Jacob C. Baird, Chairman, the Committee on Knights Templar History. As a set, the two books are \$25.00 plus \$4.00 S & H (\$29.00). Separately, each book is \$15.00 plus \$3.00 S & H (\$18.00).

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.

A *Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right:* This is John J. Robinson's last book, and it is available as a hardbound copy. The book is

available for \$15.00 each, plus \$2.50 S & H. **Born in Blood:** The exciting book by John J. Robinson is available at the price of \$17.00, including S & H. **Dungeon, Fire, and Sword:** This history of the Knights Templar by the late John J. Robinson is available for \$20.00 each, plus \$3.50 S & H (\$23.50).

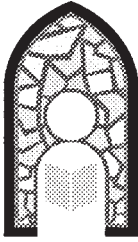
An important and invaluable booklet entitled *The York Rite of Freemasonry—A History and Handbook* is available. It is authored by Sir Knight Frederick G. Speidel. This comprehensive, illustrated, 78-page booklet explains the degrees, history, symbolism, and benevolent programs of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery. There is no limit on orders: \$1.50 each under 100 copies, plus S & H; \$1.00 each over 100 copies, plus S & H.

● **PLACE MATS & NAPKINS:** The place mats have pictures of the Masonic Presidents of the USA, and the napkins have the Cross and Crown emblem. The cost of either one is \$15.00 per 250 in intervals of 250 (ie. 250, 500, etc.—NO exceptions) PLUS S & H — UPS charges vary by location.

● **PINS:** Malta pins and red or green widow's pins are \$5.00 each. You may order ANY quantity—even just one.

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Prelate's Chapel

*by Reverend Robert J. Cave, KGC, P.G.C.
Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment*

It is a widely assumed fact that the Knights Templar is a Christian organization. We see this without question in the Order of Malta, where the five stages of Christ's life are mentioned and the travels of St. Paul (to Rome) are told. We see it, also, in the Order of the Temple, where the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension are recounted and in the choosing of a replacement for the apostate Judas. Even the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross can be thought of as Christian, although it is centered in the Old Testament, given its emphasis on "Truth" connecting it with Jesus who is the "way, the truth and the life."



But for the thinking Templar the question becomes: "What is there in the Orders of Knights Templar that makes the order Christian for me? What is there about it that touches my Christian faith?" The answer to these questions will be different for each of us. What speaks to one man may not speak to another. And so with this issue we are inviting members of the order who wish to do so to submit a brief article suggesting where the order touches their Christian faith. The articles are not intended to support any particular denomination nor support any theological stance but to simply be a statement about how Knights Templar makes the connection with Christianity for them.

For me the inspiring moment that connects Knights Templar with Christianity comes when I am kneeling at the triangle and representing Matthias, who was chosen to replace Judas. Here I am being enlisted to become one of those who will spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a moving moment to come in and see the Knights at prayer, then take the fifth libation, and conclude by taking the affirmative step of lighting the candle, thereby sealing my commitment to Christ and being numbered among the apostles. We become Christian not by hearing the Good News but by responding to the Good News and affirming or reaffirming our Christian discipleship. For me the act of responding is an exciting thought, and there is where this Valiant and Magnanimous Order makes the connection with Christianity for me.

We invite the members of Knights Templar to submit articles illuminating their thoughts on the connection of Knights Templar with Christianity and their faith. Please send them to the Grand Prelate, Rev. Robert J. Cave, at 137 Glen Drive, Ridge, New York 11961 for possible publication in the *Knight Templar* magazine.

77th EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
March 23, 2008

HOTEL

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311

Make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel at:

Direct: 1 (703) 845-1010 or call 1 (800) Hiltons.

\$100.00 room rate (mention *Knights Templar*)

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Includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast buffet

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Mail your check payable to *Grand Encampment* to:

5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire, TX 77401-2402.

Individual tickets may be ordered separately.

Saturday dinner, \$35; Sunday breakfast buffet, \$15

Hotel and meal ticket cutoff date is February 10, 2008.

There will be no tickets sold at the door.

Direct questions to: The Grand Encampment Office

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Grand Commander—1990

Grand Prelate Emeritus—2005

Born: June 10, 1929

Died: October 1, 2007

Harvey Mize

Arkansas

Grand Commander—1986

Born: November 19, 1926

Died: November 11, 2007

MASONIC CONFERENCES—2008

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

February 6–9 Alexandria, VA (annually)	The Philaethes Society Grand College of Rites, U.S.A. Grand Master's Council, A.M.D. Council of the Nine Muses No. 13, A.M.D. Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the U.S.A. Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La Cite Sainte Great Chief's Council No. 0, Knight Masons, U.S.A. Grand Council, Knight Masons of the U.S.A. Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis Masonic Order of the Bath in the U.S.A. Ye Antient Order of Corks The Society of Blue Friars Grand College of America, HRAKTP Grand Preceptors Council of the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon in the Province of the USA Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor Royal Society of Knights Occidental
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(biennially)

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(annually)

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August 15–19, 2009
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(triennially)

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Providence, RI
(annually)

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(triennially)

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June 4–8
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(annually)

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September 16–20
Canton, OH
(annually)

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(annually)

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2008 ANNUAL CONCLAVES

DATE	GRAND COMMANDERY	LOCATION	CONCLAVE REPRESENTATIVE
Feb. 24–26	Alabama	Decatur	James M. Ward
March 1–3	New Jersey	Somerset	Robert J. Cave
March 8	Alaska	Fairbanks	David D. Goodwin
March 8	Delaware	Wilmington	Robert J. Cave
March 9–11	South Carolina	Spartanburg	William J. Jones
March 13–15	Arkansas	North Little Rock	James M. Ward
March 14	District of Columbia	District of Columbia	William H. Thornley, Jr.
March 15	North Dakota	Fargo	Kenneth B. Fischer
March 16–18	North Carolina	Hickory	David D. Goodwin
March 28–29	Mississippi	Meridian	Robert E. Burleson
April 4	Kansas	Wichita	F. Douglas Mitchell
April 5	Connecticut	Rocky Hill	Robert J. Cave
April 5	Nebraska	Columbus	William H. Thornley, Jr.
April 10–12	Oregon	Wilsonville	Lawrence E. Tucker
April 12	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	James M. Willson, Jr.
April 14–15	Louisiana	Baton Rouge	Sid C. Dorris, III
April 18	New Mexico	Albuquerque	Robert C. Coe
April 18–21	Texas	Farmer's Branch	James M. Willson, Jr.
April 22–26	Indiana	Indianapolis	Duane L. Vaught
April 26	Idaho	Boise	James C. Herndon
April 27–28	Maine	Portland	John M. Lewis
April 27–28	California	Bakersfield	Kenneth B. Fischer
April 29	Florida	Lake Mary	Sid C. Dorris, III
May 1–3	Virginia	Charlottesville	William H. Koon, II
May 1	Tennessee	Nashville	Robert J. Cave
May 2–3	Italy	Florence	Lawrence E. Tucker
May 8	Georgia	Macon	David D. Goodwin
May 9	Utah	Salt Lake City	Robert C. Coe
May 10–11	New Hampshire	Portsmouth	Sid C. Dorris, III
May 15–17	West Virginia	Charleston	William H. Thornley, Jr.
May 16	Missouri	Jefferson	William H. Koon, II
May 21	Washington	Wenatchee	William J. Jones
May 22–26	Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	Sid C. Dorris, III
June 3	Nevada	Fallon	Robert C. Coe
June 4–7	Iowa	Cedar Rapids	William J. Jones
June 5–7	Montana	Great Falls	Sid C. Dorris, III
June 8–9	Vermont	Colchester	John M. Lewis
June 18–21	Wisconsin	Green Bay	Duane L. Vaught
June 26–28	Minnesota	Willmar	Duane L. Vaught
August 2	Illinois	Peoria	Franklin C. Boner
August 8	Michigan	Kalamazoo	David D. Goodwin
August 20–24	Arizona	Scottsdale	William J. Jones
September 4–6	Colorado	Longmont	James M. Willson, Jr.
September 12–14	Wyoming	Cheyenne	William H. Koon, II
September 19–21	New York	Monticello	Duane L. Vaught
September 20	South Dakota	Pierre	Jeffrey N. Nelson
September 26–27	Kentucky	Louisville	Franklin C. Boner
October 9–11	Ohio	Columbus	William H. Koon, II
October 24–26	Mass./Rhode Island	Westboro, MA	Duane L. Vaught
October 24–26	Maryland	LaVale	Vaughn F. Shafer



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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:

At a couple of Department Conferences, it was brought to my attention that many Sir Knights are unaware of how to sponsor patients for eye care. In response to several requests, I began in December this article, "How to Sponsor a Case Through Your Foundation." The article in its entirety can be obtained from the office of the KTEF.

I want to thank all those who have supported the Voluntary Campaign with their generous contributions and passion for curing eye disease. Please continue to support your Eye Foundation.



Procedure for Authorization

The following forms are provided to Sir Knights for the submitting of information which is necessary for us to authorize a case:

Form 1-2, Instruction Sheet: This sheet contains all necessary information to complete the application. It is important for the sponsoring Knight Templar to read this information carefully and to follow the instructions closely.

Form 3, Application for Surgery and Hospitalization: This form is to be completed by the sponsoring Knight Templar at his interview with the applicant. It should be noted that all forms are to be legibly completed and that all information required is given. After supplying this information, the sponsoring Knight Templar certifies the information as being correct to the best of his knowledge by supplying his name, address, and Commandery name and number and signing the form.

Form 4, Certificate of Surgical Providers: This form is to be completed by those who will be providing services during the applicant's eye surgery. Again, all information required should be supplied and the form signed by the attending ophthalmologist, a person of authority at the facility where surgery will be performed, and the anesthetist. Fees stated on this form should be in accordance with our fee schedule which is printed on the back of this form. This is our assurance that all providing service during the applicant's surgery are willing to cooperate with our effort to assist those less fortunate.

(Information on Procedure continues in the February 2008 issue)

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. 40th Annual Voluntary Campaign

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending December 7, 2007. The total amount contributed to date is \$182,297.75.

Alabama	\$860.00
Alaska	100.00
Arizona	30.00
Arkansas	1,306.00
California	25,613.45
Colorado	63.00
Connecticut	60.00
District of Columbia	100.00
Florida	910.00
Georgia	4,998.00
Illinois	5,118.20
Indiana	5,673.58
Iowa	3,575.00
Kansas	250.00
Kentucky	5,484.22
Louisiana	4,500.00
Maine	2,101.00
Maryland	5,088.28
Mass./R.I.	100.00
Michigan	1,566.00

Minnesota.....	47.40
Mississippi.....	90.00
Missouri.....	395.00
Montana.....	1,000.00
Nebraska.....	100.00
New Hampshire.....	35.00
New Jersey.....	10,499.75
New Mexico.....	40.00
New York.....	1,720.00
North Carolina.....	1,610.00
Ohio.....	6,421.00
Oklahoma.....	1,515.15
Oregon.....	3,110.00
Pennsylvania.....	10,944.00
South Carolina.....	4,600.00
South Dakota.....	30.00
Tennessee.....	1,409.47
Texas.....	5,011.09
Utah.....	5,404.00
Vermont.....	193.00
Virginia.....	6,860.00
Washington.....	865.00
West Virginia.....	5,828.54
Wisconsin.....	3,100.00
Wyoming.....	540.00
Miscellaneous.....	43,432.62

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Knight Voices

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■ **For Sale: Memorabilia from the 63rd Triennial Conclave:** We have extra belt buckles and lamps from the 63rd Triennial Conclave. The buckles are western style; they were sold during the past four 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 See ties at <http://yorkrite.albertpikemolay.org>. Click on San Antonio York Rite Bodies; click on Commandery logo.

■ 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 Stames, 303 Shawnee Indian Lane, Suwanee, GA 30024*, call (678) 923-6776 or e-mail tonawsta@comcast.net Checks to *K.T. Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.*

■ 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, \$90; 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 Royal Arch Mason sword, 2 Sir Knight's silver colored fancy swords, and a 32" sword, all antique and of extremely fine quality, \$245 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. 444; Daytona Beach; FL 32118.* Phone (386) 304-6157.

■ 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., 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*

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James Monroe: Mason, Soldier, Statesman—Part I

by Gilbert H. Hill

The pages of American history highlight names of character, purpose, courage and accomplishment—bright stars in the firmament of a life span of leadership. Our fifth president, James Monroe, last of the Revolutionary War generation of White House executives, was a Mason, an excellent soldier, a man of superior qualities, unquestioned honesty, impressive energy and compelling firmness.

A member of the Virginia Dynasty of eight presidents coming from "The Old Dominion State," whose motto reads: "Sic Semper Tyrannis" (Thus Always to Tyrants), Monroe exemplified the tradition of Williamsburg. No other place was better known as the "rebels' roost" by the British and their designing Loyalist friends. Monroe's theme of word and act seems always to have been that America must be independent of all political foreign influences.

Descended from Captain Monroe, who had been a soldier in the army of Charles I of England and later emigrated to Virginia, it was natural for the future President to honor the family name by joining a Virginia regiment in 1776 as a Lieutenant under Washington's command. He left William and Mary College at 18 to do so.

Christmas night of that very year, Washington in a surprise maneuver crossed the Delaware in a blinding snowstorm and drifting ice with 2,400 men and captured 1,000 Hessian mercenaries commanding an outpost at Trenton, New Jersey. Monroe was wounded, but he had taken part in a major blow from which the British never fully recovered.

One of the difficulties of mobilizing an army to meet the critical needs was the reluctance of the rural and village population to serve for any lengthy army period. A two-year enlistment seems to have been the normal tenure, causing a constant need for drilling and training raw troops.

After the terrible winter of privation at Valley Forge in 1778, Monroe's term expired, having gained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1780 he began the study of law with Thomas Jefferson, then Governor of Virginia.

The association and friendship with Jefferson, 15 years his senior, was a most fortunate asset for a young politician aligning himself against the Federalists, advocates of centralized government.

Jefferson was a man to be admired: tall, square-shouldered, straight, a graceful dancer, with an excellent education in the languages, higher mathematics, and the sciences. Never called handsome, yet he was digni-

fied, even though he never wore a wig, an essential compliment to VIPs in his day. Monroe, too, was tall, over six feet, well-formed, slightly stooped, with a manner and bearing of quiet dignity. Both were alumni of William and Mary College and brother Virginians. Monroe's conservative nature is best illustrated by the fact that he never changed from the Colonial fashion of wearing knee britches. Perhaps his studious nature caught the impact of the old saying, "Be not the first by whom the new is tried..."

Eight years after Paul Revere's ride in 1775, the end of the war was proclaimed, April 19, 1783, and in September the treaty of peace was signed in Paris. Monroe then began three years of service in the Congress of the Confederation. It was while serving in the Continental Congress that he met Elizabeth Kartwright, belle of New York, who later became Mrs. Monroe in the years of law practice in Fredricksburg which followed. In 1790 he became a member of the Senate.

Williamsburg was no longer the capital in 1780. The legislators had moved to Richmond, the present capital, to escape British warships occupying points on the James River. Although in the Senate Monroe opposed the Washington administration strongly, the President nominated him Minister to France in 1794. The representation of the American colonial democracy in France after the storming of the Bastille in 1789, with the resulting reign of terror and the fall of Robespierre, was a difficult and touchy role. However, Washington had rightly appraised the abilities of both Jefferson and Monroe as clear, keen, and defined thinking.

In Jefferson's administration Monroe was again assigned to assist Minister to France, Robert R. Livingston, and to secure negotiations for the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. The \$15,000,000 purchase price has been estimated by good authority to be a bargain at 2 and 1/2 cents per acre.

In 1811 President Madison chose Monroe for Secretary of State and during the War of 1812 he served for a part of a year as Secretary of War. His two terms as President were from 1817 to 1825. He died on the 55th anniversary of the birth of the nation, July 4th, 1831, in New York, at the age of 73. He was survived by two daughters. Mrs. Monroe had passed away in 1830.

To get the full impact of the character of this great son of a great epoch in western civilization, one should journey to Williamsburg, where Colonial America lives again. By the untiring efforts and means provided by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., on a project covering a period of over 40 years, Williamsburg in almost its entirety has been restored. Even the Sir Christopher Wren building on the campus of William and Mary College has the appearance of the original structure. It is the oldest academic edifice still in use in the United States.

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■ For sale: refrigerator magnets to benefit York Rite charities: The magnet allows you to write the meeting time and day of the month for Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Shrine, as well as having a note space for each body. They are \$2.61 with USPS postage included, or if you would like 100 pieces, they will be \$160.00, postage included. That would allow you to sell them for \$2.00 and make \$.40 each. *York Rite Bodies, 4483 Summerlin Place, Rock Hill, SC 29732; e-mail lindseyjon@comporium.net; Verison (803) 517-4956. All profits to the York Rite charities.*

■ **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*

■ Northeastern Lodge No. 210, Fremont, Indiana, celebrated its 150th anniversary tin 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.*

■ For sale: Masonic mug with square and compass and personalized with your Lodge's name, number and the member's name. It is microwave and dishwasher safe and made in Crooksville, Ohio, by Heritage Stoneware, one of the few remaining ceramic potteries from the rich tradition of the Southeast Ohio area. It is hand-crafted exclusively for Peerless Lodge No. 591. Send payment of \$20.00, shipping included, via check or MO, along with Lodge name and number and the member's name plus the return address to *Tim Danielson, Sec.; Peerless Lodge No. 591; 12834 Twp. Rd. 1001; Crooksville; OH 43731.*

■ 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@cstel.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, Q.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:** a complete set of books, *10,000 Famous Freemasons.* Although I can access them through a library, I would like to have a set of my own. *Thomas Hewitt, 1604 Franklin Crossing Road, Franklin, MA 02038.*

■ **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 Hawaiian and Alaskan pennies.** *Maurice Storck, Sr.; 775 W. Roger Road, No. 214; Tucson; AZ 85705, (520) 888-7585.*

■ 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.*

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

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

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

■ **Masonic promotional and presentation items for sale:** These are perfect for any lodge anniversary, officer installation, fund-raisers, and other special occasions. 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 color brochure contact *Bro. Frank Looser, CNF Interactive, 809 Cobble Cove, Nashville, TN 37211; (800) 765-1728, e-mail fhj@comcast.net, web site: www.cnfinteractive.com % to KTEF.*

■ For a free listing of VHS videos, DVDs, and radio program CDs related to Sir Knight Tom Mix and the Tom Mix of radio, **please send a postcard or note with your name and complete mailing address to Paul E. Mix, 13116 Billium Drive, Austin, TX 78727-3258.**



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KTEF Grant Presented to Doctor at the University of Iowa



One of the research projects the KTEF has funded in 2007 is entitled "New genetic pathways of congenital glaucoma." This grant was presented September 18, 2007, to the investigator, Michael G. Anderson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. Dr. Anderson plans to study glaucoma by means of a mouse model.

In the picture above: Seated are representatives of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa who attended the presentation of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation check, funding the research project of Dr. Anderson, left to right: Sir Knights Willard M. Loper, Grand Recorder; Glenn N. Marshall, Chairman for Iowa, Annual Voluntary Campaign; Stephen G. Libby, Grand Commander. Standing, left to right: Sir Knight James N. Karnegis, R.E.P.D.C., Board of Trustees, KTEF; Michael G. Anderson, Ph.D.; and Kevin Campbell, Ph.D. (submitted by Sir Knight Karnegis) (*More on this grant in the February 2008 issue.*)

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

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

Donor _____ Personal, 33°:
Address _____ In honor of:
_____ Zip _____ phone () _____
Donor's Commandery Name _____ No. _____
State _____
Honoree _____, 33° Enclosed: \$33.00
Scottish Rite Valley _____ Other:
Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____
Expiration date: _____
Number: _____ Signature: _____

Please send your check and the above form (or credit info on the form) to your Commandery Chairman or to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 1000 East State Parkway, Suite I, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

**Order of the Purple Cross Club
Contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

Donor _____ Personal, OPC:
Address _____ In honor of:
_____ Zip _____ phone () _____
Donor's Commandery Name _____ No. _____
State _____
Honoree _____, OPC Enclosed: \$33.00
Other:
Credit Card: Visa _____ MasterCard _____
Expiration date: _____
Number: _____ Signature: _____

Please send your check and the above form (or credit info on the form) to your Commandery Chairman or to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 1000 East State Parkway, Suite I, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

Sir Knight Ernest J. King: World War II Fleet Admiral

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KCT, KYCH, 33°

The Second World War provided America with some of its finest hours both as a nation and as a people. Freemasons in this same era also provided Americans with some of their most notable leaders including Presidents Roosevelt and Truman; Army commanders typified by Generals Arnold, Bradley, MacArthur, and Marshall; and the subject of this sketch, Fleet Admiral Ernest Joseph King. Described by military historian Mark M. Boatner III as “brilliant” and “irascible,” Brother and Sir Knight King served as Chief of Naval Operations through most of the conflict.

Ernest King was born in Lorain, Ohio, on November 23, 1878, the son of an Irish immigrant, James Clydesdale King, who had migrated to America prior to the Civil War, and Elizabeth Keam King. A grandfather on his mother's side had been a sawyer in the Royal Navy dockyard at Plymouth, England, which may have prompted young Ernest's interest in a naval career. In addition, an article in the *Youth's Companion*, the leading juvenile magazine of the day, also stimulated his interest in the sea. According to one story, inspired by an old sailor who lived nearby; he almost ran away and went to sea at the age of seven. In September 1897 at eighteen and having recently graduated from Lorain High School, King entered the U.S.



Fleet Admiral and Sir Knight Ernest J. King, circa 1945

Naval Academy at Annapolis as a cadet. According to one story, his railway mechanic father furnished him with a return pass on which to get back home if he changed his mind, but the ticket remained unused. When Congress declared war on Spain in April 1898, the teenage student saw temporary duty aboard the USS *San Francisco*. The Spanish-American War soon ended, and young King returned to Annapolis and continued his studies, graduating on June 7, 1901, ranking 4th in a class of 67.

Two years at sea followed, on the USS *Eagle*, after which Ernest King received his commission as an Ensign.

During the Russo-Japanese War, the young officer served on the USS *Cincinnati*, a “protected cruiser” observing the first major conflict of the new century. Promoted to Lieutenant on June 7, 1906, King served a two-year stint as an instructor at the Naval Academy. Meanwhile, on October 10, 1905, he was married to Martha Egerton of Baltimore, Maryland, in West Point, New York. The marriage lasted until the Admiral’s death over fifty years later and resulted in six children, five of them girls.

After a third year at Annapolis as a member of the academy’s Executive Staff, King returned to sea duty for three years beginning with a year as an Aide on the USS *Minnesota*. Promoted to Lieutenant Commander on July 1, 1913, the rising officer received his first command post on April 30, 1914, on the USS *Terry*. The *Terry* was involved in the occupation of the Mexican port city of Veracruz and led to the future Admiral becoming a recipient of the Mexican Service Medal. This assignment proved to be brief because in less than three months, he became commander of the destroyer USS *Cassin*. In 1916 he joined the staff of Admiral Henry T. Mayo (Mayo was a member of Burlington Lodge No. 100 in Burlington, Vermont), who became Admiral of the Atlantic Fleet during World War I. Promoted twice during the conflict, King became a Commander in July 1917 and a Captain in September 1918. According to historian Boatner, this experience working closely with the Navy’s top Admiral, provided King: “valuable insight into the problems of high command within an alliance and taught him leadership principles he would use thereafter, how to decentralize authority and develop initiative among subordinates while maintaining strong control at the top.”

After the war Captain King returned to Annapolis until mid-1921 when he took command of a refrigerator ship, the USS *Bridge*, for some fifteen months. Since German submarines had provided the Allies with some of their biggest challenges in the World War, it was hardly surprising that the naval establishment manifested considerable interest in this field of operation. Captain King was no exception, and after a lesser assignment dealing with U-boats, he became commanding officer of the Submarine Base at New London, Connecticut. A pair of disasters took place in the later twenties—both of which inspired topical ballads—that enhanced King’s reputation for efficiency. The first occurred when the S-51 sank off Block Island on September 25, 1925, at a loss of 40 lives. The Captain received the Distinguished Service Medal for directing salvage. On December 17, 1927, another tragedy struck with the sinking of the S-4 near Provincetown, Massachusetts, with 37 fatalities. Although King had been elsewhere by that time, he was again placed in charge of the salvage operation and succeeded in raising the ship, winning a Gold Star for his efforts.

In mid-1926 the King assignment changed again when he was made commander of the USS *Wright*, what was then termed an “aircraft tender” (later known as an aircraft carrier). At forty-eight he began rigorous rounds of flight training at Pensacola, Florida, and became a pilot in May 1927, afterwards returning to the *Wright*. However, he was soon appointed Commander of the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Virginia. Then it was back to sea for more than two years at the helm of the USS *Lexington*.

In April 1933 Ernest King was promoted to Rear Admiral and also became chief of the U.S. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics. During his three years in this position, the Admiral advocated shifting of emphasis from battleship reliance toward aircraft carriers. Also, during those years Ernest Joseph King became a Mason. A petitioner to George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22 in the District of Columbia, the Admiral received his degrees on June 25, July 25, and September 12, 1935. Known as a "stickler for form" in the navy, King seems to have been much more relaxed in Lodge meetings which he attended frequently. According to one source, in the lodge he was content simply to be "one of the boys," and many of his Brothers never realized that he was a high-ranking navy officer. This attitude continued when he was transferred to California and promoted to Vice Admiral where he took the Capitular degrees in Darius Chapter No. 143 in San Diego on June 17, July 8, and August 26, 1938. The following year on July 12 and July 19, 1939, Admiral King received the Chivalric Orders in Holyrood Commandery No. 32 in Berea, Ohio (suburban Cleveland), near his hometown of Lorain. World War II interrupted further Masonic activity, but after the conflict, in 1946 he became a Noble of Al Koran Shrine Temple in Cleveland.

Back in Washington, D.C., King was appointed to full Admiral and named Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet on February 1, 1941. In August the Admiral accompanied President Roosevelt to the Atlantic Charter Conference. Then came Pearl Harbor, followed by public and congressional clamoring for scapegoats.

Admiral Harold Stark was "out" and Admiral Ernest King was "in": Commander-in-Chief or as it was termed "COMINCH." In March Sir Knight King also held the title, Chief of Naval Operations. As with the Atlantic Charter Conference, King participated in many of the major strategy sessions including Casablanca, Cairo and Yalta.

As a top leader in the "greatest generation," who also faced great challenges, Admiral King did his part to win the victory. Yet he did not do so without controversy. King's gruff exterior alienated many of his contemporaries, and British officers considered him rightly or wrongly as an "Anglophobe." One critic remarked that he was "the most even tempered person in the...Navy...angry 100% of the time." Even FDR, with whom the Admiral generally enjoyed good relations allegedly described King as "a man who shaves with a blow torch." King himself was reported to have said at the beginning of American entry that "When the shooting starts, they call for the (expletive) of the (expletive)." Others complained that King was overly obsessed with the prestige associated with his high rank. Somewhat concerned about his bald head, he was always photographed wearing a cap. Yet he was congenial with civilians, especially ladies, and is described as an excellent dancer. He also manifested kindness and patience toward children.

Generally speaking, King aroused British ire by advocating that more Allied resources be allocated to the Pacific Theater. Conditions often led him to alter his positions, circumstances not unusual in challenging military conflicts. King did enjoy a harmonious relationship with Secretary of the Navy, Brother Frank Knox (of Bethel Lodge, No. 358 in

Michigan). In the final analysis, one must conclude that nothing succeeds like success, and in this category King came out a big winner.

On December 17, 1944, Ernest King became the second American to hold the rank of Fleet Admiral (the first was William Leahy, with Chester Nimitz third, and finally William



Admiral Ernest J. King and Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox

Halsey in November 1945). The war moved on toward Allied victory in September 1945. The harmonious relationship with Navy Secretary Knox ended with Knox's death in April 1944, and King feuded with his successor, James Forrestal. Retiring in December 1945, King had the satisfaction of seeing Nimitz named as his replacement by President Truman over Forrestal's objection.

In retirement Ernest King resided in Washington, D.C., but did serve as an advisor to the Defense Department after Forrestal was no longer involved. He also wrote and published his memoirs, *Fleet Admiral King*, in 1952. Eventually his health began to fail, and he spent his last days in the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He died there on June 26, 1956, and was buried in Annapolis. In addition to a Navy funeral, George C. Whiting Lodge No. 22 held Masonic services. Martha King lived on until 1969. Of their children, three of the daughters—often referred to as “the King boys”—married army officers,

and only one a naval officer. Ernest King, Jr., followed his father to Annapolis and a navy career.

The most complete life story of Sir Knight King is found in Thomas B. Buell's *Master of Sea Power: A Biography of Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King* (Naval Institute Press, 1995). A shorter sketch of the Admiral's life through 1942 is found in *Current Biography* (1942). Another useful sketch is that in Mark M. Boatner III's *The Biographical Dictionary of World War II* (Presidio Press, 1996). Considerable data on King can also be found on various web sites, especially an article by Brother R. A. Lord, “Ernest Joseph King Fleet Admiral” at www.masonicworld.com which discusses his life as a lodge member. A shorter version is that in William R. Denslow's *10,000 Famous Freemasons III* (1959), pp. 24–25. All photographs are courtesy of the U.S. Naval Historical Center website.

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The Jesus Connection—Part I

by Sir Knight Jeffrey L. Kuntz, Sr. Warden, 32°

What? Wait a minute! Jesus a Freemason?

To make such an assertion would make the jaws of even many a Masonic Brother drop, not to mention those of non-Masons, especially, perhaps, Christian clergymen.

Freemasonry in America, as we know it today, basically originated in England in 1717 and is believed by many Masonic historians to be descended from the builders' guilds of operative masons in Europe in the Middle Ages, whose members built the great cathedrals of that time. It would, therefore, be rather surprising to hear anyone claim that Jesus the Christ, the Messiah, was a member of our fraternity.

However, let us take a look even much further back in history. Many Masonic historians agree that Freemasonry has roots going back as far as Old Testament times. In fact, as all good Masons know, the teachings of our great order are—in part, at least—based on the building of King Solomon's Temple and the rebuilding of the Temple after the exile. Some believe that these teachings go back to the mystery schools of the ancient Egyptians and other groups that have served as channels of esoteric knowledge.

Those rather misguided individuals who are opposed to Freemasonry, whether they be certain clergy, or

whoever, would be surprised to be informed that the fraternity is largely structured on events in the Bible, and that both York Rite and Scottish Rite Masonry are based on passages in the Old Testament in the "lower" or earlier degrees, beginning with the book of Genesis, and are based on events in the New Testament in some of the "higher" or later degrees.

There are certain passages in both the Old and New Testaments that should draw the attention of any alert York Rite Mason. Psalm 118 (verse 22) in the King James version of the Bible states: "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." Jesus referred to this verse when reciting the parable of the tenant in the vineyard in Matthew 21: 33–45.

The apostle Paul in the second chapter of his Epistle to the Ephesians refers directly to Christ as *being* the cornerstone. Paul was writing to the Gentiles there assuring them that they, too, were now built upon the foundation—that is, the *spiritual* foundation—laid by the prophets and apostles, which is really what Solomon's Temple and the rebuilding of the second temple represent, being rich in symbolism.

It is interesting, too, to note that the plumb line is mentioned in the book of the prophet Amos in chapter 7, verses 7 and 8. In the fourth chapter of

Zechariah, Zerubbabel is described as holding the plummet (plumb line) in his hand as God promises Israel that the temple will be rebuilt.

Coming back to the New Testament, then, in the second chapter of Matthew, we read in the Christmas story about the “wise men from the east.” Does this necessarily mean they came from the direction of the east? In the Bible, certain words, such as proper names, etc., mean something. In Masonry, we know, since the sun rises in the east, that

(verse 5), Paul was called a “ring-leader of the sect of the Nazarenes.”

Another interesting form of the name is Nazarite. This goes back to the sixth chapter of the book of Numbers. Nazarites were those of a group of Israelites who showed a special devotion to God by taking certain vows, one of which was to never shave or cut their hair. Sampson was a Nazarite, as written in the book of Judges.

During the last several centuries before the birth of Christ to about the year 250 A.D., there existed another

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the direction of the east is symbolic of light and enlightenment. The Magi were likely highly enlightened mystics and possibly astrologers.

Another rather curious matter dealing with the meanings of names is the fact that Jesus was called a Nazarene, and that as a boy He lived in a city called Nazareth. Both “Nazarene” and “Nazareth” mean “separated.” It is interesting to find that a city called Nazareth is not mentioned anywhere in either the Old Testament or in any Judaic literature. There are historians who claim that a town by that name did not exist in Galilee at that time and that the name was indicative of Jesus being a member of a secret sect or order that existed in Northern Palestine for centuries. Quite interestingly, also, in the 24th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles

very important order or sect called the Essenes, with which Freemasons should be somewhat familiar. They were the possessors of the Dead Sea Scrolls that were discovered in the late 1940s in caves near the Qumran community along the northwest corner of that body of water.

Certain passages of some of those scrolls give indications of what some Biblical scholars and occultists had thought even before the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls—that Jesus and also John the Baptist were Essenes. Some of the parables Jesus used are very similar to those in the scrolls. The teachings and writing style of the Gospel of John are similar to certain scrolls, as are some other New Testament books.

The question would, naturally, occur to some: Why did Jesus never speak of the Essenes, or why are they

not even mentioned in the Bible? In all likelihood, those who were taken into the order were very strictly bound to a vow of secrecy. Could it be, however, that the Essenes and Nazarenes were actually one in the same?

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There is a very curious story about Jesus as a young boy in the apocryphal book known as the First Gospel of the Infancy of Christ. Joseph took Jesus to the school master Zaccheus to learn His Hebrew letters. As the teacher began to instruct Jesus to name the Hebrew characters, the boy soon turned the tables on Zaccheus by asking *him* the meaning of "Aleph," the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. As the master was about to whip Jesus, the boy preceded to explain the meaning of each part of each Hebrew letter and why the letters were in a certain order. Freemasons who have received certain degrees should know that each of the Hebrew letters has certain import. After Jesus finished the alphabet, the master was so astonished that he said, "I believe this boy was born before Noah," and to Mary he said, "Your son has no need of any learning."

In a following passage in the Infancy Gospel is a story which is

supposed to be an elaboration of the narrative in the second chapter of Luke's Gospel about the twelve-year-old Jesus in the temple discussing higher learning with the Jewish teachers. The Infancy passage states that the young Jesus explained such things to them as, "the mysteries which are contained in the books of the prophets; things which the mind of no creature could reach." They were amazed at His knowledge of such fields of learning as astronomy, natural philosophy, and the study of metaphysics, which is partly what Freemasonry is actually about.

Another interesting passage found in the final chapter of this apocryphal book states, "Now from this time, Jesus began to conceal his miracles and secret works, and he gave himself to the study of the law, until he arrived at the end of his thirtieth year." The passage then goes directly into Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. Perhaps, this is one of the stronger clues to His association with Essene community.

Many other incidents written in this apocryphal gospel concerning Jesus' early years seem even more bizarre, which is one reason this was one of the many apocryphal works that did not make the Biblical canon. This certainly does not necessarily mean there are not worthy messages in these noncanonical writings, especially when they tie in or even shed light on those of the Biblical canon.

Don't miss part II of "The Jesus Connection" in the February 2008 issue!

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Knights Templar March in St. Augustine, Florida on the 700th Anniversary of the Dissolution of the Order in 1307

by Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliot, KYCH, KCT



A contingent of Knights Templar from Damascus Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar of Jacksonville, Florida, assembled and marched on October 13, 2007, to the landmark Castillo de San Marcos national monument in St. Augustine, Florida. They were there to observe the anniversary of the demise of the medieval Order of Knights

Templar in the year 1307. The Templar leaders at that time were imprisoned and tortured, and Jacques de Molay, Grand Master of the Templars, was burned at the stake in 1314 along with his aides, for refusing to admit to any wrongdoing.

Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliot writes: "The idea for the short march and commemoration ceremony was conceived, cleared, and organized by Past Commander of Damascus No. 2, Sir Knight William M. McClean, who is also a member of the Jacksonville Pipes & Drums and somewhat a historian."

These modern-day Knights Templar held a brief memorial ceremony at the Castillo de San Marcos monument, in which they also remembered and pledged allegiance and support for our country's military troops at home and abroad.

Interestingly, St. Augustine is the oldest city in the U.S., having been founded in 1565, when adventurer, Pedro Menendez de Aviles, landed there. Also, the Castillo de San Marcos is the oldest masonry fort in the continental U.S., having been constructed between 1672 and 1695.

In the picture above, from left to right at the Old City Gate of St. Augustine, are Sir Knights: Corbin P. Elliott, KYCH; Walter M. Hammond, Recorder of Damascus Commandery No. 2; Billy Collier, P.C., Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Florida; William Ellis; Michael P. Trent; Generalissimo; Leland E. Stanford III, Commander of Damascus Commandery No. 2; William H. McClean, P.C., organizer of the event; Samuel D. Hope, Captain General; and Darryl A. D'Angina, KYCH, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Florida. Pictured at right are the Sir Knights and 5 Pipers at the walls of the fort.



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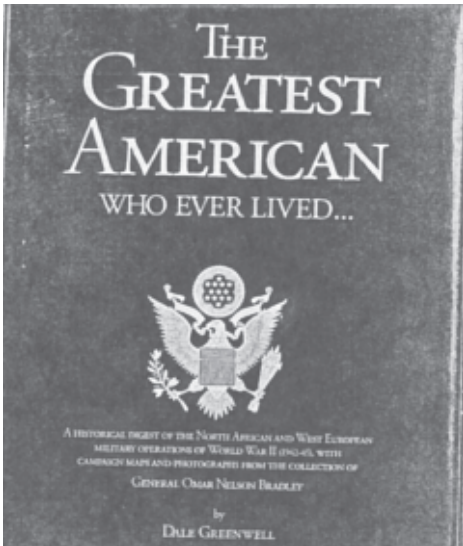
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