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Scenes from the 77th Easter Sunrise Service, March 23, 2008, at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia. From top left clockwise: display of banners; Bethel No. 52, Job's Daughters, at prayer; Order of DeMolay ushers; a line of Sir Knights with Delaware's Sir Knights on the left; and officers of the Supreme Council, S.O.O.B. Cover pictures and design by Sir Knight G. Dan Pushee. More pictures of the Grand Encampment's Easter festivities start on page 6.

Grand Master's Message for June 2008

In looking through past messages in the *Knight Templar* magazine, I noted an article written by Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, M.E.P.G.M., as his message for June 1984. It spoke of Flag Day, June 14, and brought an important consideration for us today.

In 1984 it had been 30 years since June 14, 1954, when the words "under God" were added to our "Pledge of Allegiance." In Sir Knight Dull's message, he expressed concern that many of our citizenry were ashamed to express patriotism publicly. He was right then, and 24 years later, I'm appalled to see how few people remove their caps in public or place their hands over their hearts when our Pledge is recited or the "Star-Spangled Banner" is played. Watch your TV at sporting events, and I think you'll be surprised as well. 24 years after Sir Knight Dull's message, there is even talk of removing "under God" from our Pledge!



Sir Knight Dull quoted President Woodrow Wilson's thoughts on "Old Glory," spoken on Flag Day, June 14, 1917:

"This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought, and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us—speaks to us of the past, of the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it."

The question I had as I read Sir Knight Dull's article was: "What has my generation done to enhance "Love of Country and Love of God"? Perhaps, this Flag Day is a good time to instill a sense of Patriotism in our children and grandchildren. I well remember learning every patriotic song my grandfather knew and singing them with him at the top of my lungs! If we don't teach them, how are they to know?"

William H. Koon II, GCT
Grand Master



Knight Templar



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

JUNE: Fly the flag with pride on Flag Day, have a very happy Father's Day, and don't forget that the first day of summer is on June 20, so have a delightful season! Check out Grand Master Koon's inspiring message about patriotism and Grand Recorder Tucker's message concerning upcoming Department Conferences. We're thinking you will so much enjoy the pictures from the Easter festivities that were held in Alexandria, Virginia, that you will definitely not miss it next year or will return with great enthusiasm! Don't miss Sir Knight Taylor's article for the Prelate's Chapel section; it is quite provocative! Sir Knight Marples brings us the beginning to a thoroughly intriguing story of Templar history, and Sir Knight White has an interesting take on the life of Jesus. Enjoy!

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From the Grand Recorder's Office...

Greetings, Sir Knights:



We are utilizing the internet more and more. Many forms are available online as well as conference presentations and guidelines. In addition to the exemplification of the *Order of Red Cross* and the *Order of Malta* on DVD, booklets on Templar history, history of the York Rite, and Drill regulations, and several books are available through the Grand Recorder's Office, including: *History of the Grand Encampment* (two-volume set), *A Pilgrim's Path: Freemasonry and the Religious Right*; *Born in Blood*; and *Dungeon, Fire and Sword*.

2008–2009 DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

The 2008–2009 Grand Encampment Department Conferences are open to *ALL SIR KNIGHTS*, not just Grand Commandery Officers. The Department Conferences provide the Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights the opportunity to meet their peers in Sister Jurisdictions. Also, the Conferences provide a forum to exchange ideas with the Grand Encampment Officers. Upcoming Conferences include:

Northeastern (CT, ME, MA/RI, NH, NJ, NY, PA and VT)**Albany, NY**
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John M. Lewis, RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

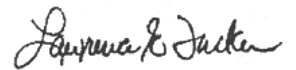
South Central (AR, KS, LA, MO, OK and TX)**Manhattan, KS**
Friday, September 19, 2008–Saturday, September 20, 2008
F. Douglas Mitchell, RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Mid-Atlantic (DE, DC, MD, NC, VA and WV)**Roanoke, VA**
Friday, October 3, 2008–Saturday, October 4, 2008
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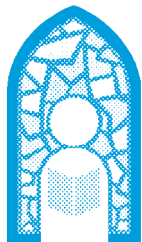
North Central (IA, MN, NE, ND and SD)**Fargo, ND**
Friday, October 24, 2008–Saturday, October 25, 2008
Jeffrey N. Nelson, RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Southwestern (AZ, CA, NV, NM and UT)**TBD**
Friday, October 31, 2008–November 1, 2008
Robert C. Coe, RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER


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Prelate's Chapel

How Do Knights Templar Relate to Christianity?

by Sir Knight James C. Taylor, P.D.C, South Central
Past Grand Preceptor, HRAKTP

The mission of Knights Templar being "the Support and Defense of the Christian Religion," one might wonder where it is proven that Templary is connected with Christianity. It is essential that members of this fraternal organization are familiar with this connection so that they have more of a basis for supporting that mission.

Scriptures from the New Testament relating to the life and message of Jesus are found throughout the Symbolic or first three degrees of Masonry as well as in the degrees of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Cryptic Masons, and the Order of Red Cross in the Commandery. While all these degrees and orders talk about the life and mission of the people of God in the Old Testament, there are ample lessons included which refer to the life of Jesus.

It is the duty of every York Rite Mason, as explained in the Most Excellent Master degree of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to acquire such a degree of knowledge and information as will enable a member to dispense light and truth to the less informed Mason. In other words, a York Rite Mason should have a lifetime study of the degrees of the York Rite, including the scriptures upon which the degrees are based, to not only inform himself of the full meaning of the text of the degrees, but also to learn the philosophy of the degrees so that he may teach and instruct others. If a Knight Templar does this, there should be no doubt in his mind that Templary is most assuredly connected to Christianity.

In the Entered Apprentice degree lecture (Oklahoma work), reference is made to scripture from Matthew 7: 7. This scripture was spoken by Jesus in the "Sermon on the Mount." In the explanation of the working tools of this degree, reference is made to a "House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," which is from 2 Corinthians 5: 1. In the monitorial work of the Entered Apprentice degree, it is stated that Masons should instruct their members to study the Holy Bible to learn the way to Eternal Life. Keep in mind that this does not say "the Old Testament," but the whole Bible, which contains the life and passion of Jesus, who promised eternal life to the faithful. Masons wear a lambskin as a badge of Masonry. Need I remind the reader that Jesus was referred to as "The Lamb of God"?

In the second section of the Master Mason degree, the Senior Deacon recites a monitorial lecture about the survival of the spirit over death, which is taken almost verbatim from 1 Corinthians 15: 51-55. This is certainly from the New Testament. Also, no finer examples of Christianity could be found as the Patron Saints of Masonry than St. John the Baptist, who proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God, and St. John the Evangelist, who was closest to Jesus during His ministry and did more to explain the philosophy of that ministry than any other Gospel writer. He wrote the "Gospel of John," the three letters of John, and the futuristic "Book of Revelation."

The Mark Master degree of the Chapter uses the scripture from Psalms 118: 22, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner." Jesus quoted this scripture in Matthew 21: 42 when the

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Easter 2008 Revisited in Pictures

Pictures, design, and captions by Sir Knight G. Dan Pushee



Sir Knight William H. Koon, M.E.G.M., delivers his welcome.



Chairman Sir Knight Wagner forms the troops.



Sir Knight Sid C. Dorris, G.G., reads the first lesson.



Sir Knight David D. Goodwin, D.G.M., reads second lesson.



Sir Knight and Rev. William D. Hartman leads a prayer.



The Sir Knights at prayer



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Pass in Review—Texas



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Ladies of Grand Encampment Officers



Sir Knights from Delaware



Sir Knight William H. Koon II, M.E.G.M., and family at the Saturday banquet

Introductions—center, Roberta Fowler and Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, M.E.P.G.M.



Sir Knight Franklin C. Boner, Department Commander, East Central, and Sir Knights from Florida

Sir Knight Thomas W. Snyder, then G.C. of Texas



Sir Knights and ladies from Virginia

Sir Knights and ladies from MA/RI

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Grand Encampment Awards Presented



Pictured above from left to right are awardees: Sir Knight and M.E. Paul Newhall, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Virginia, received the Knight Commander of the Temple; Mrs. Jeanette Rife, Supreme Worthy President of the Social Order of the Beauceant, received the Companion of the Temple; and Sir Knight Fred Kleyn III, Grand Sovereign of the U.G.I.C., Red Cross of Constantine, received the Knight Commander of the Temple.



Sir Knight William H. Koon II (right), Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, presents honors and awards to Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.



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The results of the 40th Annual Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., will be published in the July issue, as in former Campaigns.

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Washington Commandery No. 1 of East Hartford, Connecticut, has reached a new milestone. Every one of their 230-plus members is now a 5-time Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. In addition, their four Past Grand Commanders are all members of the Grand Master's Club, and every one of their Past Commanders is a Patron of the Eye Foundation!

Congratulations, Washington Commandery No. 1!



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A KTEF recipient writes to Sir Knight William P. Orr, past Chairman of the Eye Foundation Committee of Wichita Falls Commandery No. 59, Wichita Falls, Texas...

I know God is helping you and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to help people like me. My family and I want to thank you very much! Thanks to you I can drive my car, take care of myself, and enjoy my family. All I can say is thank you and God Bless!

Burkburnett, Texas

IN MEMORIAM



Donald L. Lewis
West Virginia
Grand Senior Warden
Born: November 13, 1941
Died: April 4, 2008

Charles David Burgess
Montana
Grand Junior Warden
Editor, MT Supplement
Born: March 26, 1926
Died: February 3, 2008

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Pharisees asked Him who He was. He essentially told them that He was the cornerstone of a new Church which would welcome all people. Reference is made in this degree to the keystone, which represents Jesus, and there is a quote from Revelation 2: 17 about a white stone which signifies Jesus.

The lecture of the Most Excellent Master degree explains the dedication of the Temple of Solomon, but it also talks of dedicating a personal spiritual temple to God in our individual hearts. This last dedication refers to the individuality of Christianity, which was not practiced by the Jewish nation. They had to go through a priest to offer sacrifices and to talk to God. Christians believe that they are given this individual freedom through the grace of Jesus, who died for our sins and was our sacrifice. The password of this degree is a Jewish name for "teacher," which Jesus was often called by the disciples.

The Council degrees, besides describing how the Master's Word was preserved, contain a soliloquy that says that there is a life after this life, which Jesus alone proved by rising bodily into heaven. There is also a reference to the "Alpha and the Omega," a name which Jesus uses to refer to Himself in the 21st Chapter of Revelation.

The Order of Red Cross teaches, "the Almighty Force and the importance of Truth." Jesus proclaimed Himself in John 14, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

The Order of Malta emphasizes the Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Blessed Savior plus contains glimpses of the history of an Order that attempted to keep the pathway open for those who wished to attend and worship at the places that

our Savior walked. It is upon this ancient organization that the tenets of our current organization, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, are founded. Scripture found in the Order of Malta includes Matthew 5: 3-11, which are the Beatitudes, which Jesus gave to the world as a way to live. The ritual also includes the commendation, which Jesus told His disciple Thomas when He showed him the wounds that He received while on the cross even though He was standing in the presence of the disciples after the Resurrection: "Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Order of the Temple contains scripture from Acts 1: 15-26, in which the apostles are seeking someone to be a witness to Jesus' Resurrection. The most positive reference to Christianity in the Templar work is made from Chapter 11, verse 25, of the Gospel of John, where Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." Christianity's main theme is that Jesus was the Son of God. No other person but God Himself or His Son could make that statement.

I feel that if one reviews all these references to Jesus that are contained in York Rite Masonry in general and Templary in particular, that person should have no doubt that Templary relates to Christianity. You then see why our motto is "Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar."

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Knight Voices

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■ 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: 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.

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Valiant Templar...

GENERAL JOSEPH WARREN

by George A. Weeks

The first Knight Templar to yield up his life in the Battle of Bunker Hill was Major General Joseph Warren. To give a complete history of General Warren in a few paragraphs is impossible. I will endeavor to give a fair picture.

He was born in Roxbury, Massachusetts, in 1741 and died in the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775. He was educated in the schools of Boston and Harvard College in medicine and began practice in Boston in 1763. He was an ardent leader in the Revolution and dispatched the riders, Sir Knight Paul Revere and William Dawes, to alarm the countrymen prior to the battle of Lexington and Concord.

His Masonic record is as follows: he was made a Mason in St. Andrews Lodge of Boston; he received his First Degree on September 10, 1761, Second Degree on November 2, 1761, and was made a Master Mason on November 28, 1765. He was elected Master in 1769. He was made a Templar in St. Andrews Royal Arch Lodge of Boston, now St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, May 14, 1770. In December 1769, Sir Knight Warren received a commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland making him Grand Master of Masons in Boston and one hundred miles around. On March 7, 1772, he received another commission making him Grand Master of Masons for the continent of America.

Warren's military record shows he was appointed a Major General, but he had very little military experience. His headquarters were established in Cambridge where he and his staff were trying to drill and equip a citizens' army to fight the British trained soldiers. A meeting was held proposing to fortify the heights of Charlestown; this movement was advocated by the veterans Putnam and Prescott. Warren disagreed, claiming the loss of life would be too great owing to their lack of training and equipment. There were at that time only 11 barrels of powder in the army and but 37 barrels in the entire state. He was overruled, however, in the Council.

On the evening of the 16th of June, a little before sunset, 1,200 troops under the veteran Prescott were issued a blanket and provi-

sions for 24 hours, the privates not even knowing their destination. At 9 o'clock they started their march to Charlestown where they were joined by the veteran General Putnam. Under cover of darkness they started to dig their entrenchments and prepare defenses for the siege on the morrow. On that evening Warren was presiding over a session of Congress in Watertown and did not arrive at headquarters in Cambridge until after daylight where he retired for a much needed rest, having a severe headache.

When he received word of what was to take place, he arose, put on his citizen's clothes, mounted his horse, and rode to Charlestown. There he was recognized by Putnam, who exclaimed, "General Warren, is it you? I will take your orders." Warren replied, "I have no orders to give. I am here as a volunteer to learn the art of war. Give me a musket and put me where the fighting is the thickest and hardest." He was sent to a redoubt where Colonel Prescott was in command.

Prescott wished to turn his command over to Warren, but Warren refused and took his post as a private. During the battle when the order to retreat was sounded he stood his post, even after the British had entered his entrenchment. A British officer recognized him, called on him to surrender in order to save his life. As he turned to see who had spoken to him, a bullet struck him in the forehead, and he died instantly.

In times buried Warren exceeded our Grand Master Hiram (who was thrice buried). Warren was buried four times: first, June 17, 1775, on the field of battle. Immediately after the evacuation of Boston, his Masonic Brethren went in search of the body of their Grand Master. On April 6, 1776, they found the body buried in a shallow grave on the brow of the hill, and near the head of the grave was an acacia tree; the body upon removal was identified by his teeth and other distinguishing marks; his body was borne to the State House, Boston. On April 8 an oration was delivered by Perez Morton, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge; the body was buried in the Minot tomb in the Granary burying ground. In 1825, the body was removed to the Warren Tomb, under St. Paul's Church; on August 3, 1855, it was removed to Forest Hills Cemetery, the final resting place.

Although General Warren was termed a Revolutionist, he was fighting for the principles upon which our order is founded: freedom, liberty, justice, and the Christian religion.

Editor's Note: June 14 is Flag Day. Fly Old Glory with Pride!

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■ For Sale: Royal Arch neck-ties: black with R.A. logo (Triple Tau) embroidered. They are \$20 each, including shipping. Councill ties, purple with embroidered Council logo, are \$22 each, shipping included. Bulk orders accepted. Call for pricing at (904) 797-7659 or e-mail bmaguo2003@bellsouth.net Checks payable to *St. Augustine York Rite Bodies*. Mail to *Burt Maguire, 4241 Oak Lane, St. Augustine, FL 32086*. % to KTEF.

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

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When Templar Swords Clash—Part I

by Sir Knight James A. Marples, VII°, 32°

The following is a presentation Sir Knight Marples made before a group of Masonic scholars in Nebraska.

When people see an Honor Guard composed of Knights Templar wearing their plumed chapeaux and uniforms, along with the beautiful swords, which they thrust upward and outward to form a peak or arch, the public sees the brightest and best use of those ceremonial swords. It is regarded as a high honor to walk under an “Arch of Steel.”

That protective canopy serves as a reminder of the protection, distinction, and eloquence that Templars have possessed from the days of the Crusades to the present time. And Templar drills when done with precision illustrate the unity of joint efforts put forth in a common cause. Perhaps, that is why the Templars of old were so good at putting forth precision efforts of feeding the hungry, caring for the widow, educating the orphan, relieving the distressed and homeless, and burying the dead.

And modern Templary, being at an upper level of York Rite Masonry, has been accustomed to operating with a chain-of-command with regard to its governance, so this story of Templars clashing may seem out of character.

The Scottish Rite was originally smaller than the York Rite. Its membership was (and still is) composed of men, some of whom are Knights Templar in the York Rite, including myself. Of course, both Rites have numbers of men who have not yet affiliated with “the other Rite.”

On most occasions, Knights Templar literally carried their swords with admirable ability measured by Justice, supported by tactfulness, and restrained by mercy, but it was a combination of misunderstanding and some petty jealousy which caused a rift in 1866–1867 between Sir Knight George Frank

Gouley and Sir Knight Albert Pike, and that is the subject of this study.

Sir Knights Pike and Gouley merely had a clash of ideas and thoughts, but figuratively speaking—as if it were a clash of figurative swords—it cut and slashed fierce wounds along two vital arteries in the Masonic body as a whole. The wounds developed a scar and seemingly healed, but I maintain that we can accomplish more healing TODAY if we will go back in time and see the evolution of this catfight.

George Frank Gouley of St. Louis, Missouri, was an energetic Mason. He had been active in nearly all the York Rite bodies of his area, and in 1866–1868 he was serving as the top officer in Templar Masonry in Missouri. He held the fine office of R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri.

Albert Pike was then living in Memphis, Tennessee. He was born and raised in Massachusetts and had attended Harvard University. He had explored the American Southwest, had served in the Confederacy as a general, and had lived in a multitude of domiciles ranging from Little Rock, Arkansas, to New Orleans, Louisiana, to Memphis, Tennessee, to Charleston, South Carolina, and lastly to Washington, DC. He had joined the Masonic Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter in Arkansas. He was Knighted a Templar in Washington, DC, and soon after received the 4th to 32nd degrees in the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Charleston, South Carolina, at the hands of another Templar, Sir Knight Albert G. Mackey, who was a 33° in the A.A.S.R. Then, Pike hurried back to Arkansas,

where he was the first Eminent Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 1 at Little Rock; he also assisted at the formation of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Arkansas.

By 1866 Gouley was "Grand Commander" of a State York Rite body.

By 1866 Albert Pike was "Sovereign Grand Commander" of a national Scottish Rite body, having attained that office January 2, 1859, after less than six years of Scottish Rite membership.

Essentially, it was (at first) a ego battle between two men who pretended to act "grand," but each attempted to diminish the greatness of the other man's office. That aspect should never creep into Masonic dialogue, but unfortunately, it did back then.

As mentioned earlier, Gouley was Grand Commander of the State Templar body, which was "alive and well." It had ample manpower, and it had visible prosperity.

Pike, on the other hand, was Sovereign Grand Commander of a national Scottish Rite Supreme Council, which had a lofty name but had less manpower, along with a bankrupt treasury just prior to the US Civil War. Pike had sent out letters and traveled around the country, along with his Supreme Council officers, to "promote" the Scottish Rite as another branch whereby Master Masons could join to gain more philosophical insight into our Fraternity.

Gouley was approached by one of Pike's deputies, who conferred the 4th to the 30th degrees on Gouley. Not only was he unimpressed, Gouley was offended that (in his belief) the A.A.S.R. had revealed in his initiation some "secret words and signs" which he had already witnessed in his earlier initiation and subsequent activity in the Royal Arch, and the Red Cross and Templar degrees/Orders of the York Rite.

Gouley was so outraged that he wrote a demanding letter to Albert Pike, dated

August 6, 1867, in which Gouley stipulated the following: "Now, my Dear Sir and Brother, what I want to arrive at is this—that the A. & A.S. Rite receive none into the Lodge of Perfection except R.A.M., and none into the (Rose Croix Chapter), and Council (of Kadosh) except KT. The latter point I must insist on..."

Pike wrote back from Memphis, Tennessee, a letter of denial in which he brushed aside those accusations; yet he opened himself up for compromises that were never discussed, and never attained. Pike did comment that Gouley's letter was a "very great surprise" but he (Pike) went on to deny any knowledge of borrowing or revealing ritualistic work gained from another Rite. Pike said in his letter: "I am sure that I have been quite unconscious of so grave an offense, although I am a Templar and have held Office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas."

Pike wrote that "Legends, words and signs cannot, in the nature of things, be the exclusive property of any Rite or degree." In his 5th reason to Gouley, Pike said: "We cannot exclude Master Masons who are Hebrew from the Scottish Rite, by requiring all candidates to have the Templar degrees, if we were otherwise willing to do so." Pike noted several Hebrew members of the Supreme Council, 33°, who were faithful to their ancient Hebrew religion.

As an aside, I know about one extraordinary case, which occurred about this same time. In 1866 a distinguished man who carried a gold-headed cane was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Kansas. He was M.W. Brother Jacob Saqui, and he was Jewish. Interestingly, he joined all the York Rite bodies in Atchison, Kansas. Sir Knight Saqui was even an officer in the Knights Templar Commandery!

I have read *The History of Kansas Masonry* by M.W. Brother Ben Graybill, P.G.M., along with other printed docu-

ments relating to the life of Jacob Saqui. From everything I have seen, Jacob Saqui, although he was Jewish, felt that he could support and aid the Christian religion as an ally. He was one of the most caring, attentive, and dedicated Templars that Kansas has ever seen. He was a credit to Judaism and a credit to Christianity. Sir Knight Jacob Saqui was a bright Light in the Masonic community. Sadly, he died quite young on June 14, 1867, at age 46. Had he lived, he might have been able to use his own example to “cool off” the hot-heads, Pike and Gouley. Saqui might have been able to demonstrate how a compromise could have been effected on Masonic prerequisites for the benefit of all.

Pike, oddly, made an offbeat remark to Gouley that there could (or should) just as easily be some sort of inverse or mutual prerequisite for York Rite membership, suggested by hypothetical Scottish Rite concerns. It was an interesting concept, but in the war-of-words, it was never ever carried out.

In any case, Pike countered by saying that most of the prominent Masons were members of both York Rite and Scottish Rite. He cited names such as Albert G. Mackey, Benjamin B. French, and himself (Pike), and he mentioned his own credentials in both Rites.

However, the ruckus developed in the fighting over members who may choose one Rite to join for whatever reason—friends, finances, etc. Gouley’s approach was the single ladder of prerequisites: candidates would climb the degrees rung-by-rung, degree-by-degree, and step-by-step. Pike was content with two ladders branching off from the Master Mason degree. Although he was a York Rite Mason first, Pike was biased by the national office he held and his wanting his little Scottish Rite to grow fast.

I will digress to note that the country of Ireland organizes its Masonic degrees

in a highly structured manner. It is a simple, yet straightforward, pyramid. At the base is Ancient Craft Masonry. This is the basic foundation of it all, with approximately 36,500 Craft Masons in Ireland today. Master Masons are encouraged to join Royal Arch Masonry with some 12,900 members. Next, a man must be a Royal Arch Mason for at least four years before becoming a Knight Templar and a further two years as a Knight Templar before being elected to receive the Rose Croix. The Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite degrees in Ireland are limited to 111 Brethren. A man must, at the least, hold the office of Warden before advancing higher. The majority are Past Most Wise Masters of some years’ seniority. There is a maximum of 35 members of the 28°, 30 members of the 30°, 16 members of the 32°, and only 9 members holding the 33° (all of whom are Active Members of the Supreme Council, 33°, for Ireland).

Historically-speaking, Gouley had reference material support paralleling this format from none other than Pike’s old friend, Albert G. Mackey. Mackey had clearly stated that the Knights Rose Croix were a special or select group of Knights Templar who were actively engaged in protecting pilgrims venturing to the Holy Land.

Furthermore, Mackey also said that the Chapters of Rose Croix and Councils of Kadosh were conferred by Templar Encampments (Commanderies and Preceptories) since “time immemorial.” That sounds incredibly like a prerequisite! And it sounds eerily like the system currently practiced in Ireland!

Don’t miss part II in July 2008

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A New Light on the Life of Jesus

by Sir Knight John W. White, 32°

The story of Jesus is so deeply ingrained in the received knowledge of our culture and so central to Templary that questioning any part of it may seem like heresy to some. However, in one of his letters to the early Church, St. Peter admonished members to “make every effort to supplement your faith...with knowledge.” (II Peter 1: 5, RSV) That should be borne in mind with regard to scholarly concerns being raised about Jesus’s birth and occupation which stem from what may be mistranslations in the Bible.

According to John Tiffany, writing in *The Barnes Review*, Nov./Dec. 2006), some historians are saying that Jesus was not born in a stable as conventionally believed, and likewise that he was not a carpenter. Tiffany’s article, “New Revelations on the Life of Jesus,” draws upon various disciplines, primarily archeology and linguistics, to present a different view of these matters. It is available on line at <http://www.barnesreview.org/html/nov2006lead.html>

Our accepted notion that the birthplace of Jesus was a wooden structure comes from the art of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, Tiffany says, but the artists who created the images drew from their experience in Europe and apparently were ignorant of some basic details about the daily life in Palestine at the time of Jesus. Europe was a woodworking culture and animals were kept in barns. In Palestine, however, the primary construction material was stone. Caves were numerous there, and people used them as living quarters. Even today many houses in Bethlehem are built in front of caves, just as they were in Jesus’s day. Typically, the caves were two-level spaces in which people used the upper level for living quarters and the lower level to shelter their animals, where the animals’ rising body heat would help to warm the upper level when the weather was cold.

Many linguists, Tiffany says, now believe there may have been confusion

about the words for “inn” and “second level” when the Bible was translated. Consequently, translation errors were made. A European-style inn would house guests in upper rooms away from the common area on the first floor; the guests’ animals would be stabled in a barn separate from the inn. But dwelling caves in the Holy Land would have mangers placed along the lower-level cave walls for the animals. So the phrase “no room at the inn” may have meant no room in the upper level of a dwelling cave where Joseph and Mary sought shelter. Instead, they may have been offered use of the lower level where livestock lived and fed from mangers.

According to this line of thinking, then, Jesus was born in a cave, not a wooden European-style stable. Two extrabiblical texts, the Gnostic Gospel of James and the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, say exactly that, Tiffany points out.

As for Jesus’s profession, Tiffany says it is more likely he was a mason than a carpenter. The same goes for Joseph. Translation errors are again said to be the source of the confusion. The Greek term *tekton* or *tektone*, which is translated as “carpenter,” actually means “artisan” and refers to a skilled craftsman whose medium might be metal, stone, or wood. In the Middle East at the time of Jesus, wood was scarce but stone was plentiful. Since European building focused more on woodworking and carpentry, a cultural bias led to the choice of “carpenter” rather than “stonemason.” But an accurate translation of the Greek word describing Joseph’s profession, in which Jesus would have been raised and trained, is one which reflects a stoneworking society.

Tiffany concludes by saying the possibility remains that Jesus was a woodworker or carpenter, but the words used to describe him have a broader meaning than one particular vocation. Despite tradition, he says, a translation as “stonemason” may have more evidence to back it up.

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Scottish Rite Supreme Council for Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Annual Meeting—August 23–27, 2008—Providence, Rhode Island

Providence, Rhode Island, will be the site of this year's annual meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. More than 2,000 33° Masons and their ladies from the fifteen northeastern states are expected at the meeting on August 23–27, 2008.

The 2008 Session will be highlighted by the conferral of the 33° upon 104 Scottish Rite Masons, who were elected for this high honor at last year's meeting in Washington, DC. The 33° is awarded for outstanding achievement within the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry. The impressive ceremony will take place on Tuesday, August 26.

Introductory luncheons honoring the 33° candidates and their ladies will be on the schedule for Sunday noon. The Rhode Island Convention Center will be the scene of the traditional Supreme Council Vesper Service during the afternoon.

Earlier business conferences attended by the officers of the Supreme Council will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 22–23.

Sovereign Grand Commander John William McNaughton will preside over a General Session of the Supreme Council on Monday, August 25. In the course of this session, prominent leaders from other Masonic organizations in

the United States and throughout the world are expected to be in attendance.

A number of other events have been scheduled, including a Monday luncheon in the Rhode Island Convention Center for all ladies attending the Providence meeting. Mrs. Judy McNaughton, wife of the Grand Commander, will preside over the luncheon and program. Another luncheon will be served for all Supreme Council members, distinguished guests, and members of the class.

That evening a concert at the Rhode Island Convention Center will feature the Ocean State Summer Pops Orchestra, who will entertain members and their ladies. During the week special sightseeing tours will be available for those attending the meeting.

In addition to the major events sponsored by the Supreme Council, a Masonic Marketplace will allow vendors to display Masonic-related items.

The 2008 meeting will end with the announcement of the names of those elected to receive the 33° at Boston in August 2009.

Information was supplied by the Supreme Council, 33°, NMJ. For more information contact Dick Curtis, P.O. Box 519, Lexington, MA 02420, (781) 465–3320; e-mail: dcurtis@supremecouncil.org

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Commandery Easter Services

Ascension Commandery No. 25, Tyler, Texas

The Sir Knights, in full Templar uniform, assembled at the entrance to the new prayer garden of the Woods Baptist Church at 6:45 A.M. on Easter morning. They formed lines along the sidewalk leading to the garden and stood at "carry" as the congregation passed through; then, they "secured swords and uncovered" and fell in behind the congregation. Songs were sung and a beautiful message was delivered by Dr. Mark Goodman, as the sun rose over the newly erected



cross. What a wonderful way to celebrate a new garden, dedicated to our Lord! The experience, in spite of a chill in the air, was enjoyed by all, and afterwards, many of the Sir Knights and their families repaired to the Andrews' home for breakfast and fellowship. In the picture are: Sir Knights Pete Peters, Melvin Ruyle, Ronnie Ruyle, Randy Medders, Joel Graeter, Richard Gaiser, John Mahn, Jim Smith, P.G.C., Mike Pledger, John E. Andrews, Doye Sudduth, Dr. Mark Goodman, and Minister of Music, Jack Jones. (submitted by Sir Knight J. E. Andrews)

Damascus Commandery No. 2, Jacksonville, Florida



On Easter Sunday morning, March 23, at about 6:00 A.M., several Sir Knights from the Commandery met at Jacksonville Beach for their 58th Annual Easter Sunrise Service, held through the cooperation of the Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church, St. Andrews Lutheran By the Sea, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Sunrise Worship Center, and the Community Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville Beach.

Pastors from the several churches spoke, and music was provided by a group from the Community Presbyterian Church. Masons and their ladies from Ribault Lodge No. 272 of Jacksonville Beach and J. Wendell Fargis Lodge No. 356 of Neptune Beach with assistance from their youth groups served coffee and donuts. A full breakfast was provided at Ribault Lodge after the service.

Pictured on page 24 as the sun rose after the service were Sir Knights from left: William H. McClean, P.C.; Robert Cooper, P.C., P.D.D.G.C., D.I.; Billy Collier, P.C., P.D.D.G.C., E. Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery of Florida; Jimmy A. Dorsey, Sw.B.; Leland E. Stanford III, P.C.; Lewis E. Duffey, G.C.; and Corbin P. Elliott, KYCH, KCT. (submitted by Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliott)

Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, Rochester, New York



Cyrene/Monroe Commandery celebrated with a meal (above) and a Holy Land presentation by Reverend Julie Cicora, the minister the Commandery sponsored for the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Below left is Reverend Cicora with Eminent Commander Joe Oelgoetz III, and below right Reverend Cicora is shown with members of the Commandery. At bottom Reverend Cicora renews her baptism in the Jordan River, left, floats in the Dead Sea, middle, and presents a gift to the Commandery.



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

Official Visit of Supreme Worthy President to Grand Rapids No. 68, Michigan



The Assembly was honored with the Official Visit of S.W.P. Mrs. Jeanette Rife. Pictured with Mrs. Rife are members of the Assembly and a box of newborn caps on their way to local hospitals. Two members, Mrs. John DeVoe and Mrs. Charles Kramsvogel, continue to knit 250 plus caps per year; in fact, these members gave over 100 newborn

caps for the "Save the Children Project—Caps to the Capitol." The Assembly continues to support the Veterans' Hospital in Grand Rapids, the KTEF, and Santa Claus Girls at Christmas with scarves and mittens for the needy.

Tampa No. 208, Florida, Hosts S.W.P. and Plans 2008 Supreme Session

At right is the S.W.P. Mrs. Jeanette Rife, center, with Mrs. Gardner, President; Mrs. Case and Mrs. Dean, two P.S.W.P.s; Mrs. Piasecki, President of Ocala No. 249; Mrs. Torgerson, a sister initiated that evening; Mrs. Curtin and Mrs. Smedile, Chairman and co-Chairman of the 2008 Hostess Group; and Mrs. Mason, Chairman of Registration; and other officers.



At left the ladies are busy at work planning the tours and coordinating the activities for the 2008 Supreme Session to be held in Tampa on September 21–28, 2008. Left to right: Mrs. Case and Mrs. Dean, P.S.W.P.s; Mrs. Curtin, Chairman; Mrs. Agster, Preceptress of Tampa; and Mrs. Smedile, co-Chair. The picture was taken at one of the Sunday planning sessions.

Baytown No. 153, Texas, Honors Mrs. Wilburn R. Ashwood

The Assembly honored Mrs. Ashwood for 50 years of service to the Social Order of the Beauceant. Mrs. Ashwood has served the Assembly on two different occasions as Worthy President and has served in many offices and on many committees. She has served Supreme Assembly as Supreme Marshal and as Supreme Standard Bearer, as well as serving on many Supreme Committees. Her service to the Order is greatly appreciated by the members of Baytown Assembly No. 153, Baytown, Texas, as well as by her friends elsewhere.



Sale of Knight Templar Tote Bag to Benefit the KTEF

This beautiful tote bag is designed for the men and ladies of the Knights Templar; its sale will benefit the KTEF. It is 16 by 16 inches, is made of upholstery material, has two straps, and is lined for extra reinforcement on the inside. On the front and back is a poem, entitled "A Knight Templar," and down each side are the nine battle shields of the Templar Knights. There is an arch with the working tools of the York Rite and the Almighty Seeing Eye. It is made heavy enough to carry books and other important items. The price is \$25.00, including shipping and insurance. A \$5.00 donation for each tote sold will go to the KTEF. Please send check or money order to: Sandra Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.



Pennsylvania 200-year Anniversary Stein To Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

This stein was manufactured in Germany by the fourth cousin of the Mettloch family. It is a white ceramic stein, 8 and 1/2 inches tall with pewter insert lid and with 8 different colors and six blended colors. On one side of the stein are two crusader knights from the early 1100s, and on the center of the stein is the national symbol, the American bald eagle, with the Pennsylvania keystone. On the other side are three Sir Knights; one of them is being installed into his office. The stein has two American flags from the periods 1797 and 1997. On the bottom of the stein are the nine beautiful battle shields for the nine crusaders who founded Knights Templar. The price is \$65. Order by making check or money order payable to Elizabeth Buz, and send to Stanley Buz, P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.



Honor your Members and Support the KTEF with This Masonic Mug

This Masonic mug with square and compass is 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. Percentage of proceeds to the KTEF.

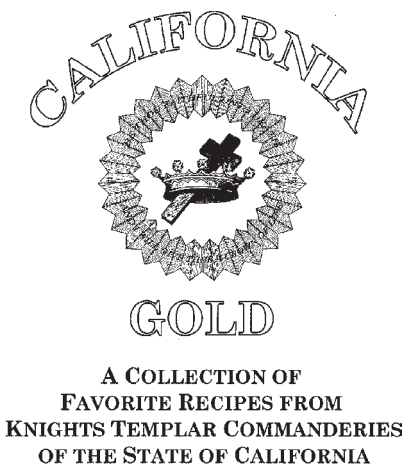


California Gold Recipe Book

The California Gold recipe book, **advertised below**, has gone through three printings since the project was conceived three years ago, and we recently ordered the fourth and final printing. The printings haven't been large, due to the limited size of the target population, but so far we have sold just over 1,500 copies of the book, resulting in a little over \$30,000.00 in contributions to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The response from the Sir Knights and their ladies from all over the country has been gratifying, to say the least. This has been due in part to those of you who ordered a book spreading the word to others about its quality and practicality. We were able to order the fourth printing of 200 books due to contributions that underwrite the publication costs from these Commanderies: California No. 1, Los Angeles No. 9, and Golden Gate No. 16. To them we are grateful, in that we are still able to offer the book for a \$20.00 donation to the Eye Foundation. Remember, when this new printing is exhausted, there will be no more books printed. Again, our sincere thanks for your support of this project and the Eye Foundation.

Helen J. McDaniel, Project Chair, and Dan R. McDaniel, P.G.C., California

Sale of California Cookbook to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The Grand Commandery of California is selling cookbooks, shown left, 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.

SALE OF MASONIC BEAR TO BENEFIT KTEF

Meet SAM, the Masonic bear. He measures nine inches tall, is blue and white in color, has a gold bow around his neck, and is crafted by Holy Bear, Inc. This bear was created for the purpose of raising funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Scottish Rite Centers of South Carolina. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation helps fund eye surgery for those in need and supports research into eye diseases. The Scottish Rite Centers provide care, free of charge, to preschool-aged children with the inability to properly communicate efficiently and effectively. The proceeds from the sale of the bears will benefit these organizations. The price of each bear is \$10.00, plus \$4.95 shipping in the USA. Make checks payable to Michael Broom, and please send your order to: Michael J. Broom, P.E.C.; 201 North Ridge Road; Columbia; SC 29223. E-mail: mjbswb@aol.com.



KCT and GCT Award Recipients: A 2½ 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.



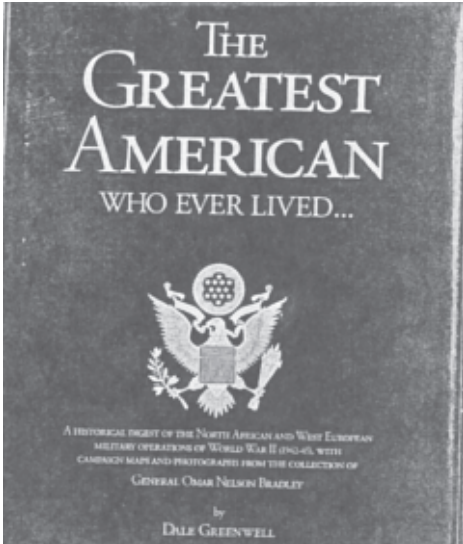
Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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. 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.**

Sale of Milford Commandery Polo Shirts Benefits KTEF

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

**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 www.amalpha.info and a purchase there guarantees a donation to the KTEF or 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.

**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 fundraiser 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 41st Annual Campaign donations even better! These pins can also be viewed in color at www.yorkriteusa.org These pins are available for **\$6.00 each or all nine for \$45.00**, postage paid. Make check or money order payable to: **Manchester Commandery No. 40**. Send to Garry L. Carter, Recorder; 424 Winchester Hwy., Hillsboro, TN 37342. Thanks again for your continued support.



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

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

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

Under the Knights Templar Medicare Supplement Plan, you will

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

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

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

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

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

priate, 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 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



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