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Grand Master's Message for July 2008 56 Men

July 4th is a holiday we celebrate with fireworks, family, and fun. For most of us, it's a warm summer's day spent enjoying the company of family and friends; however, for the 56 men, who met as representatives from all the 13 colonies and signed the *Declaration of Independence*, it meant sacrifice for most of them that few today can appreciate.

Of the 56, 24 were lawyers, 11 were shopkeepers, 9 were farmers or had plantations, and the balance were professionals of varying occupations. All were well-to-do men of comfortable means. Their sacrifices were incredible, yet few today remember.



Five of them were captured and tortured by the British before they died. Twelve had their homes burned. Nine died of wounds from fighting in the Revolution. Two lost sons in the war, and another had two sons captured. Carter Braxton, a plantation owner and merchant, saw his ships sunk and ultimately sold all his property to pay his debts. He died a pauper. All were hunted and sought by the British to be punished. At the Battle of Yorktown, Cornwallis had set up his headquarters in the home of Thomas Nelson, Jr., a Declaration signer. Nelson asked General Washington to direct cannon fire on his home. It was destroyed, and he died in poverty. The stories go on and on, and most, if not all, are recorded for us to remember. But do we?

The sacrifices our forefathers, many of them Masons, have made for this country and freedom around the world are worthy of emulation. Today our young men and women are fighting to secure freedom for people who don't speak our language, don't share our religion, and live halfway around the world but have in common our love of freedom. God bless our service men and women and grant them strength. They chose to be there, they chose to make a difference for their fellowman, and they chose to offer their lives for the way of life they love.

During July let us not forget what we stand for in the United States of America and what sacrifices our forefathers have made that we might enjoy friends and family in Peace and Freedom on July 4th!

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”

JULY: Cover photo: Celebrating “Old Glory,” our American Flag, a circa 1912 vintage illustration of bald eagle and American flag; copyrighted by Victorian Traditions.

You've all been looking forward to the results of the 40th Annual Campaign for the KTEF: They are in and they start on page 7! There is still time to become a part of the EyeRide for Sight. Read all about it on page 15, and make your donation now! Grand Master Koon has inspiring words about those who were responsible for our celebration of July 4, and your Grand Prelate Cave has superb comments on the Templar connection to Christianity. Meet your new Managing Editor of the *Knights Templar* magazine on page 4, and let him know what you would like to see in this magazine in the future. Whatever you do, enjoy the issue and this month of celebrating our country!

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A Chat With The Managing Editor

As you may remember, in the January issue of this publication, Grand Master Koon set forth six goals or resolutions for his Grand Encampment officers. One of those was a resolution “to improve the readability, content, quality, and appearance of the Knight Templar magazine this year.” By pure coincidence, Ms. Joan Morton who has been editing the magazine for several years has announced that she has come to the time in her life when she is ready to retire. We all owe her a great debt of gratitude for putting her heart and soul into this publication month after month and year after year. We will be saddened to see her leave later this year.

The Grand Encampment officers have charged me to try to pick up where Joan leaves off and also to fulfill the resolution made at the beginning of the year. We have established an editorial review board that will review all articles submitted for publication and pick the very best ones to be included in each issue. The chairman of the new board is Right Eminent Grand Commander Rex R. Hutchins. He is well known for his scholarship and leadership in the national Masonic community and will be a great asset to the magazine. We are beginning to make some aesthetic design changes to the magazine and to include some color as we can afford to do so. Readability, quality, and appearance are subjective in nature, and it seems to me that our readership ought to be able to tell us what direction they would like to see us take in the future. I hope to establish a two way communication with you, the individual Sir Knights, and to tailor the publication to better meet your needs. In order to do that, we need to know what you want to see published. Is our mix of news and feature articles OK? Are we telling you enough about the vision and direction of our leaders? Would you like to see book reviews? How about letters to the editor? Are the “advertisements” and “classifieds” valuable to you? What subject matter would be of interest to you in the feature articles? Are there enough photos and illustrations or too few?

We know that we will never be able to please everybody, but if we are going to meet the Grand Master’s goal, I know I need to figure out how to please some of you. Please send me your thoughts, your comments, your criticisms, and your suggestions to me at ktmagazine@comcast.net or mail them to PO Box 566, Nolensville, TN 37135-0566. If you like, you can call me at (615) 283-8477, and we’ll discuss what’s on your mind about the magazine.

I look forward to hearing from many of you and to seeing some of you at the departmental conferences.

In Hoc Signo Vincet!



John L. Palmer
Managing Editor



Prelate's Chapel

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

I have written in the past that the Knights Templar is a Christian organization. I do not think that anyone, knowing our Orders, would dispute this because the whole thrust of the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple is Christian in tone and content. Objectively, we know that this is true. We are more concerned in this column with the subjective aspect of it; that is, what makes it Christian for "me," and how does it relate to my life as a Christian?



I have written about the inspiring moment I experienced while taking the Fifth Libation, lighting the candle, and taking the place vacated by Judas because of his treachery, and then being numbered among the Apostles. However, in all of this there is the temptation to overlook the prayer given by the Prelate in preparation for taking the Fifth Libation.

As I listen to the prayer intoned by the Prelate, it is a prayer that could well be offered in a Church service. It is a prayer for aid to the person who is about to become a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. The prayer is asking that the follower be open to the needs of the widow and orphan, which is reminiscent of Jesus' words at the end of Matthew 25. The prayer continues by asking that the replacement for Judas as an Apostle be ever ready to hold his sword ready to redress the wrongs of the widow and orphan. The sword here is not necessarily an instrument of war but the "Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" as stated by Saint Paul in Ephesians 6: 17. The prayer concludes with the petition that the pilgrim, when his pilgrimage of life is finished, be received home by God in the heavenly mansion prepared for faithful followers of Christ. This supplication reminds me of Jesus' words to his Disciples in John 14: 2 and also in the 23rd Psalm.

Hearing this prayer as I prepare for the Fifth Libation and the words accompanying it is a moving and spiritual experience. The experience is more than assuming again the commitment to Christ, which I have made in the past in other settings. It is a prayer of the assembled Knights, Christians, for my aid in fulfilling the responsibilities of Christian Discipleship. This certainly connects Templary for me with my Christian faith.

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, NY 11961, for possible publication in the *Knights Templar* magazine.

The 27th Holy Land Pilgrimage

Plans as of May 19, 2008

from Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley

Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage

Our Mission: To send to the Holy Land Ordained Christian Ministers who would not otherwise have the opportunity to go.

Our Goal: To send 100 Ordained Ministers on the 27th Holy Land Pilgrimage in February/March 2009.

Permission has been received from our Grand Master, Sir Knight William Howard Koon II, to make plans for the 27th Holy Land Pilgrimage.

The dates for the two Pilgrimages will be February 9–19, 2009, and February 23–March 5, 2009.

Information on the two Pilgrimages has been sent to the Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee in each grand jurisdiction.

If you have any questions regarding this great Christian Program, please contact Sir Knight P. Fred Lesley, H.P.D.C., 747 Timberlane Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49015.

Comments of Pilgrim Ministers from the 26th Pilgrimage:

I am still basking in the life-change that has followed our Pilgrimage to Israel!

Thanks for letting me share this awesome experience with you! We now continue the Pilgrim's journey in our own lives, yet changed; like Moses after being up on the mountain with God, we are transformed by what we have seen and experienced. What a blessing! Thank you for a life-changing journey! May God continue to bless you!

I have returned in body, but a part of my spirit is still running where Christ walked. With each explanation I give, I find myself longing to see the city built on a hill. I can see God's hand in intentionally choosing each one of us...so we might become a community of the kingdom!

In addition to these comments, please read the Thank You on page 28 received from a Pilgrim Minister from Northern California!



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Eye Foundation Campaign Closes

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation reports a contribution total for the 40th Annual Voluntary Campaign of \$1,344,819.06, \$63,377.91 more than last year. Many Commanderies did an outstanding job as you can see for yourself from the following listings. Thanks to all those who worked so hard. A total of 1,108 Commanderies participated in this year's campaign, 60 less than last year.

New York took the lead in total dollars contributed, with Oregon in second position and Pennsylvania third. A listing of top Grand Commanderies on a per capita basis found New York first, followed by Oregon and Utah, second and third respectively. The top subordinate Commandery on a per capita basis is Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico, and the top subordinate Commandery for total dollars contributed is Heidelberg No. 2, Germany.

Plaques and seals are being prepared for the 198 constituent Commanderies that reported contributions of \$10.00 or more per member. 165 Commanderies contributing \$5.00 to \$9.99 per member will receive certificates. These Commanderies are listed on the following pages.

TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS

No. 1	NEW YORK Kenneth I. Sussman, Chairman	\$157.11 per member	Total—\$339,205.69
No. 2	OREGON Robert Worthington, Chairman	\$105.65 per member	Total—\$111,986.93
No. 3	UTAH William A. Butterfield, Chairman	\$24.25 per member	Total—\$8,779.00

TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS

	Ivanhoe No. 2, Mexico	\$3.23 per member	Total—\$300.00
	Canaan No. 1, St. Croix, Virgin Islands	\$2.19 per member	Total—\$70.00

TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS

No. 1	NEW YORK Kenneth I. Sussman, Chairman	Total—\$339,205.69
No. 2	OREGON Robert Worthington, Chairman	Total—\$111,986.93
No. 3	PENNSYLVANIA John W. Hawk, Jr., Chairman	Total—\$82,076.50

TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS

Heidelberg No. 2, Germany—Total—\$345.00
Honolulu No. 1, Hawaii—Total—\$306.00

TOP TEN GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS

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

TOP TEN GRAND COMMANDERIES IN PER CAPITA TOTALS

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| 1. NEW YORK | 6. NEW JERSEY |
| 2. OREGON | 7. IDAHO |
| 3. UTAH | 8. MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND |
| 4. NEVADA | 9. CALIFORNIA |
| 5. CONNECTICUT | 10. NEW MEXICO |

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ARKANSAS: Rogers No. 24, Bentonville.

CALIFORNIA: Nevada No. 6, Nevada City; Los Angeles No. 9, Granada Hills; Rosewood No. 21, Roseville; Watsonville No. 22, Watsonville; St. Omer No. 30, Santa Barbara; San Gabriel Valley No. 31, Rosemead; Palo Alto No. 47, Palo Alto; Whittier-St. Johns No. 51, Whittier; Auburn No. 52, Auburn; Imperial Valley No. 54, El Centro; Santa Monica Bay No. 61, Santa Monica; Merced No. 69, Merced.

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DELAWARE: Trinity No. 3, Wilmington.

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IDAHO: Idaho Falls No. 6, Idaho Falls.

ILLINOIS: Elwood No. 6, Springfield; Temple No. 20, Princeton; Aurora No. 22, Yorkville; Tancred No. 50, Belleville.

INDIANA: Angola No. 45, Angola.

IOWA: Palestine No. 2, Iowa City; Siloam No. 3, Dubuque; Holy Cross No. 10, Clinton; Bruce No. 34, Red Oak; Zerubbabel No. 68, Albia; Ascension No. 69, Ames.

KENTUCKY: Webb No. 1, Lexington; Covington No. 7, Covington; Paducah No. 11, Paducah; Ryan No. 17, Danville; Shelby No. 32, Shelbyville; Mayfield No. 49, Mayfield; Whitesburg No. 51, Whitesburg.

LOUISIANA: Plains No. 11, Baton Rouge; Bethlehem No. 20, Winnfield; C. A. Everitt No. 29, Slidell.

MAINE: Portland No. 2, Portland; St. Amand No. 20, West Kennebunk.

MARYLAND: Monumental No. 3, Baltimore; Jacques de Molay No. 4, Frederick.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE: Mt. Horeb No. 3, Concord.

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NORTH CAROLINA: Raleigh No. 4, Raleigh.

OHIO: Highland No. 31, Hillsboro; Marietta No. 50, Marietta; Middletown No. 71, Middletown; Cuyahoga Falls No. 83, Cuyahoga Falls.

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PENNSYLVANIA: Pittsburgh No. 1, Pittsburgh; Reading No. 9, West Reading; Pilgrim No. 11, Harrisburg; Hutchinson-Jerusalem No. 15, Norristown; Northern No. 16, Towanda; Baldwin II No. 22, Williamsport; Constantine No. 41, Pottsville; Kensington-Kadosh No. 54, Jenkintown; Centennial No. 55, Coatesville; Trinity No. 58, Bradford; Mt. Vernon No. 73, Hazleton; Gettysburg No. 79, Gettysburg; Samuel S. Yohe No. 81, Stroudsburg; Mt. Hermon No. 85, Sunbury; Mizpah No. 96, Doylestown; Bethel No. 98, Hanover; Holyrood No. 100, Kittanning.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Hampton No. 23, Hampton; Conway No. 25, Conway.

TENNESSEE: De Payens No. 11, Franklin; Morristown No. 22, Morristown; Rosemark No. 39, Millington; Manchester No. 40, Manchester.

TEXAS: Ruthven No. 2, Houston; Colorado No. 4, Austin; San Antonio No. 7, San Antonio; El Paso No. 18, El Paso; Denison No. 24, Denison; Lufkin No. 88, Lufkin; Granbury No. 100, Granbury.

UTAH: Utah No. 1, Salt Lake City.

VERMONT: Lafayette No. 3, St. Albans.

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OKLAHOMA: Ardmore No. 9, Ardmore; Ben Hur No. 14, Ponca City; Trinity No. 20, Tulsa; Elk City No. 22, Elk City; Calvary No. 26, Bartlesville.

OREGON: Ivanhoe No. 2, Eugene; Melita No. 8, Grants Pass; Columbia No. 26.

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**Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
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Campaign report by Grand
Commanderies for KTEF Officers and
Trustees for the week ending May 15,
2008. The total amount contributed to the
Campaign is \$1,344,819.06.

Georgia.....	48,115.77
Idaho.....	8,101.00
Illinois.....	26,847.74
Indiana.....	15,361.91
Iowa.....	17,418.00
Kansas.....	5,074.98
Kentucky.....	26,230.29
Louisiana.....	17,069.43
Maine.....	16,889.00
Maryland.....	11,531.10
Mass./R.I.....	46,724.70
Michigan.....	8,284.00
Minnesota.....	4,660.40
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Missouri.....	12,625.01
Montana.....	3,966.75
Nebraska.....	4,696.20
Nevada.....	11,307.00
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Alabama.....	\$18,452.00
Alaska.....	695.00
Arizona.....	8,726.65
Arkansas.....	4,435.00
California.....	59,655.38
Colorado.....	14,622.00
Connecticut.....	18,280.00
Delaware.....	1,542.50
District of Columbia.....	2,542.00
Florida.....	11,003.31

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New Mexico	8,837.57
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Oklahoma	8,822.65
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Pennsylvania.....	82,076.50
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Texas	72,757.14
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Washington.....	14,327.93
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On May 7 four cyclists embarked on a transcontinental bike ride in order to educate the public about eye disease and to encourage the public to utilize EyeCare America's free eye care programs, including the Senior EyeCare Program.

EyeCare America's achievements over the years have been made possible by its corps of 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists and its close and long standing partnership with the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Knights Templar are pleased to be partnering with ECA on this EyeRide for Sight campaign.

Sir Knights can track the progress of these cyclists and learn more about EyeRide for Sight by visiting the KTEF website and clicking on the "EyeRide for Sight" logo.

Through EyeRide for Sight, we want to encourage Sir Knights to take action that will help preserve their own vision by also "giving the gift of sight," and showing your support of these caring cyclists riding their way across the country, by making a donation to the KTEF.

"Your donation will help the Knights Templar Eye Foundation continue its mission to preserve sight. For every \$25 donated to the KTEF in honor of EyeRide for Sight, EyeCare America will be able to provide someone with the services they need to save their sight," said Sir Knight William Howard Koon, President, KTEF.

This historic ride will cover over 3,000 miles, starting in San Francisco, California, and ending in Washington, DC, and for just pennies per mile, you can help prevent blindness.

Donation to KTEF	Cost per mile	People Served
\$30	1¢	1
\$150	5¢	6
\$300	10¢	12
\$750	25¢	30
\$1,050	35¢	42

Show your support and receive a "Help Preserve Sight" Wristband!

Whatever your ability to give, your donation is greatly appreciated!

NEW RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP JEWEL

- 663.—
- 664. John Joseph Brown, St. John's Commandery No. 10, New Bern, NC. 5-20-2008. (original and 1 bronze cluster)
- 665. John M. Walston, Jr., St. John's Commandery No. 10, New Bern, NC. 5-20-2008.
- 666. Irvin Miller, Jr., Mizpah Commandery No. 96, Doylestown, PA. 5-23-2008.
- 667. Timothy M. La Vergne, Sr., Dennison No. 24, Dennison, TX. 5-28-2008.



In Memoriam

Brother Eddy Arnold—"The Tennessee Plowboy"

May 15, 1918 – May 8, 2008

One of America's best-known vocalists and Masons, Brother Richard Edward (Eddy) Arnold passed away recently, a week short of his ninetieth birthday. In a career that spanned more than sixty years, Brother Arnold placed 146 songs on the *Billboard* country charts, 37 of which demonstrated "crossover" appeal by also making the popular music charts. In addition to his musical career, Brother Arnold was a 64-year member of East Nashville Lodge No. 560, being raised on March 21, 1944. Later that year, Arnold and fellow *Grand Ole Opry* stars Roy Acuff and Frank "Pee Wee" King also became members of the Scottish Rite and Shrine in Nashville.

Richard Edward Arnold was born in Chester County, Tennessee, and gained early radio experience in Jackson, Memphis, and St. Louis before coming to WSM Nashville as a vocalist with Pee Wee King's Golden West Cowboys in 1940. In 1944 he went solo and began recording for RCA Victor. One of his first efforts was the song, "Cattle Call," that became his signature number. In 1947 and 1948, he enjoyed two of his biggest hits with "I'll Hold You in My Heart" and "Bouquet of Roses," respectively.

Leaving the *Grand Ole Opry* in September 1948, Arnold continued to win favor with audiences by branching out into motion pictures and television. In the mid-sixties he enjoyed a second zenith of popularity with "What's He Doing in My World," "Make the World Go Away," and "Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye." His last charted hit was a new arrangement of "Cattle Call" recorded in 1999 as a duet with Lee Ann Rimes.

Brother Arnold was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-six years, the former Sally Gayhart, who died in March 2008. He is survived by daughter Jo Ann and son Richard E. Arnold, Jr.

Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, KCT, KYCH, 33°
111 East High Street, McArthur, OH 45651-1111

IN MEMORIAM



Robert T. Crawford
Alabama
Grand Commander—2002
Born: September 25, 1950
Died: May 2, 2008

Dean M. Lindahl
Montana
Grand Commander—2001
Born: February 7, 1926
Died: May 7, 2008

Blaine M. Simons
Utah
Grand Commander—1965
Born: August 28, 1910
Died: May 14, 2008

J. D. Buddy Baccus
Texas
Grand Commander—1977
Born: July 24, 1926
Died: June 1, 2008



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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.*

■ Wanted: information on sword stolen from a display case in Mosheim Lodge No. 463, Mosheim, TN, during a robbery in January 2008. Sword belonged to one of the first Masters of the Lodge in the 1800s. It was engraved with the name "J. L. Clemmer." The family recently donated the sword to the Lodge. The Lodge is offering a reward for its return. Anyone with info, contact the Greene County Sheriff's office at (423) 798-1800. Other contacts: Lodge Sec. Thomas McKamey, (423) 639-2834, or Richard Burow, rburow@embarqmail.com

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

■ For sale: Mercy Sword and Scabbard, 13.5-inch blade, \$25.00 each plus shipping, and full length swords and scabbards, 26.5-inch blade, \$75.00 each plus shipping, for your collection or for your Commandery's division members. Shipping and handling is \$11.25 for the first item and \$5.00 each additional item. For more info call (781) 322-1123 or visit www.mercysword.com or e-mail cappy@mercysword.com Send checks payable to *E. Cappy, P.O. Box 403, Malden, MA 02148.* Proceeds for the Grand Commandery of MA/RI Greece 2009 pilgrimage.

■ For sale: Knights Templar triangular aprons, black with silver trim and silver bullion thread for embroidered crossed swords on flap, skull and crossbones on the apron. These are identical to those worn by all Sir Knights in the last century and still worn in some jurisdictions: brand new: \$80.00 plus \$7.00 U.P.S. **A percentage to York Rite charities.** *Sal Caradonna, P.C., 23 Gail Court, Staten Island, NY 10306-2234; (718) 987-4532.*

■ *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@beeecreek.net See ties at <http://yorkrite.albertpikedemolay.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 heavy duty black clips. They are adjustable to fit all sizes—\$19.00 each plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. For further details or brochure, write *Tom Starnes, 303 Shawnee Indian Lane, Suwanee, GA 30024,* call (678) 923-6776 or e-mail tonawsta@Bellsouth.net Checks to *K.T. Enterprises. % of net profits to KTEF.*

■ For sale: gold-finish sword lapel pins: men's pin: 1 and 1/4 inches long, with red stone in the center of the hilt, \$7.00 each, and ladies' pin: 2 and 1/2 inches long, with clear stone at the top of the hilt and a red stone in the center of the hilt, \$12.00 each; prices include S & H. Check or MO to *Melrose Commandery 159th Grand Conclave, 17120 Theiss Mail Road, Spring, TX 77379.* E-mail pewunsche@sbcglobal.net **10% to KTEF.** The pins are a special project for the 159th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas.

■ For sale: Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter No. 481, R.A.M., Channelview, Texas, is selling their newly minted, 50-year commemorative mark/penny for \$10.00 each, postpaid, with a certificate of authentication. Penny is made of antique bronze (looks like gold). This is a fund-raiser for our 50th anniversary, and a portion of proceeds will go to KTEF. Checks or MOs to *Lloyd L. Gibson Chapter No. 481, R.A.M.,* and send to same at *P.O. Box 972, Channelview, TX 77530.*

■ 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 \$4.00 each. *York Rite Bodies, 4483 Summerlin Place, Rock Hill, SC 29732;* e-mail lindeyjon@comporium.net; *Verison (803) 517-4956.* **All profits to the York Rite charities.**

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Taken from: Masonic Americana, 1975...

Let Freedom Ring...

THE LIBERTY BELL

by Paul C. Rodenhauer

The Liberty Bell, originally a "Province Bell" to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1752, was recast twice by Pass & Stow, Pennsylvania founders, and was mounted in the wooden steeple upon the State House in the month of June 1753.

The Liberty Bell has become an object of reverence because of its association with the War for Independence. It has had an interesting history.

Thomas Lister, Whitechapel, London, cast the "Province Bell" and shipped it to Philadelphia, where it arrived in August of 1752. In September, during testing, the bell was cracked by a stroke of the clapper. Pass and Stow recast the bell, adding one-and-one-half ounces of copper to each pound of the original metal. This reduced the brittleness of the metal but ruined the tone.

Pass and Stow recast the bell once more, this time successfully, and in June of 1753 it was formally placed in the State House tower. The bell bears the inscription from

Leviticus XXV: 10: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

The bell was rung when Continental Congress was in session; it proclaimed the Boston Tea Party, and it rang for the first public reading of the "Declaration of Independence." In 1777, when the British were about to occupy Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell was removed to Allentown, Pennsylvania, and was hidden for almost a year in Zion Reformed Church before its return to Philadelphia when the British departed.

It was in July of 1835 that the bell was cracked while tolling for the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall, Virginia, who served as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States from 1801 until his death.

Because of its traditional role in the history of our nation and its symbolic relationship, the bell was not recast. Today the 2,080 pound bell remains in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, as an object of patriotic veneration for millions of Americans.

Patriotism

Patriotism isn't marching behind a band and puffing out your chest. Patriotism isn't a flash of fireworks one day of the year, and then submerging one's emotions the rest of the year. Patriotism isn't found in the whooping of the crowd or maudlin flag waving.

Patriotism is the sum of three cardinal virtues; faith, hope, and charity—faith in the principles of our government, hope in the future of our country, charity toward all and malice toward none.

Patriotism is that spirit that makes us help our neighbors when they are in distress and extend sympathy when they are stricken—be it the neighbor next door or one a continent away.

Patriotism is the tugging at our heartstrings and a sincere kinship with those who toil in the field or shop in the marketplace, regardless of creed, or color of skin, or bank account.

Patriotism is the emotion that makes a lump rise in the throat when some intrepid spirit strives to achieve something that no human being ever before achieved.

Patriotism is the unashamed moisture that wells into the eyes as one stands before the tomb of, or reads the words of, some great man who has unselfishly devoted his life to all mankind, or one watches Old Glory carried proudly in a parade.

Patriotism is loving one's country, and respecting its traditions and its laws.

Patriotism is standing firm and unselfish for the right, for the common good, for the peace and well-being of all; sacrificing self, if need be, and standing tall and unafraid against all opposition.

Author unknown

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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 bmagu2003@bellsouth.net Checks payable to St. Augustine York Rite Bodies. Mail to Burt Maguire, 4241 Oak Lane, St. Augustine, FL 32086. % to KTEF.
- **Display your pride** 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
- For sale: book, *The Rationale of Freemasonry*; Includes the meaning of allegories, the influence of social changes and trends. 280 pages, \$20.00 postpaid. % to KTEF. Checks to and order from Bob Demott, 3501 Equestrian Way, Knoxville, TN 37921.
- 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.
- 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
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- 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.
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- 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 *Macony 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.**
- On sale: custom design Masonic coins, lapel pins, button covers, cuff links, key tags, divot tools, money clips, luggage tags, medals and medallions, spin cast crest pewter pins, book marks, Christmas ornaments, tie clips, tie pins, dog tags, belt buckles, and lanyards. Send your ideas and designs, and I will create your digital artwork for FREE. For Masonic discount and custom quote, call, write, or e-mail Frank Looser, 1-800-765-1728, 809 Cobble Cove, Nashville, TN 37211; e-mail fhij@comcast.net or visit my web site at www.cninteractive.com % goes 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 Billiem Drive, Austin, TX 78727-3258.
- Wanted to buy: Sir Knight and 33° looking to buy old glass advertising and casino ashtrays as well as old magazine collections to add to growing collection. Contact me before you throw them away! Michael B. Myers, 301 N.W. Cross, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353, (877) 924-1991, or e-mail mbmyers@casscomm.com.
- Wanted: Since I became disabled, I started collecting old switchblades, gravity knives, and brass knuckles. Being on a fixed income, I don't have a lot of extra cash. If you have some stuffed away in drawers and you don't know what to do with them, I will gladly take them off your hands. Any condition O.K. David V. De Costa, Jr., P.O. Box 415, Manchaug, MA 01526.

When Templar Swords Clash—Part II

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

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

Pike was trying hard to build up the respect and esteem for his fledgling Scottish Rite. He sought a grassroots appeal (yet mostly cultivated in urban or cosmopolitan area), and admittedly, he wanted a fast acceleration of growth.

Gouley was wearing a different hat (rather, a different chapeau: that of the Grand Commander of Templars in Missouri). He didn't appreciate Pike's "invasion" by Scottish Rite Deputies aimed at propagating the A.A.S.R. within Missouri to any and all interested Masons. Gouley viewed it (perhaps with a mix of paranoia and pessimism) as a sign that Templar membership would decline if Scottish Rite membership became too easy to obtain and grew too rapidly. To a degree, Gouley's prediction proved largely accurate a century later.

The aspect that hurt Gouley's feelings the most was that Pike refused to listen to him in his role as presiding officer of Missouri's Grand Commandery. Pike chose to rule with a domineering hand and hovered over Gouley from his chair as Sovereign Grand Commander—addressing Gouley as a wayward, Knight Kadosh 30° Mason. That slap of indignation ignited Gouley's temper. He claimed Pike made a "threat" to hold his (Gouley's) sword hilt by the grip of a Kadosh.

Gouley made good on a separate retaliatory threat of his own. He proposed (and his Grand Commandery of Missouri adopted) a resolution denouncing this action and declaring the supremacy of the Missouri Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, acting in tandem with Craft and Royal Arch leaders, as maintaining the sanctity of fraternal relations with an unbroken chain of legitimate Masonic Unity in the state of Missouri.

The Resolution read, in part:

"Resolved, that in vindication of the prerogatives of this Grand Body as the

supreme authority over the Orders of Masonic Knighthood in this jurisdiction, it is hereby ordered that no Knight Templar holding allegiance to the Grand Commandery of Missouri can be present in any of the bodies of the so-called Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite and witness or assist in the conferring of any of their degrees upon any one who has not already received the Orders of Knighthood in a regularly constituted Commandery of Knights Templar."

The resolution painted the Scottish Rite as a newcomer, an outsider, with a not-so-subtle hint of its being irregular.

Pike fanned the flames in a retaliatory response of his own, indicating his official opinion that the American Knights Templar weren't recognized by world Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite.

Gouley responded that foreign opinion shouldn't tarnish the high opinion held by American Masons toward their Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in America in general...and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Missouri, in particular.

Gouley was seen as a hornet buzzing around Pike's head. Gouley had no method by which to punish Pike (aside from verbal tirades and statewide mis-sives to Missouri Masons).

Pike, on the other hand, had an "Ace" up his sleeve. Pike used his national office of Sovereign Grand Commander and being a "Active 33°" to bring Scottish Rite charges against George Frank Gouley, 30°, for insubordination and for violating his Oath as a Knight Kadosh.

At the beginning of the Trial, Pike presided, but then retired and Mackey took to the Chair. Evidence was presented and arguments were heard. Gouley was eventually found guilty, and his Scottish Rite membership was suspended.

On the bright side, time often heals most wounds. Gouley mellowed a little, which was good enough to satisfy Pike. Pike later authorized a few "wording" changes and minor policy changes to Scottish Rite ritual. This must have been good enough to partially appease Gouley, even though it didn't address his core concern in any meaningful way.

Soon afterward, Gouley petitioned to be reinstated in the Scottish Rite, and in a magnanimous gesture Albert Pike recommended to the other members of the Supreme Council that this request be granted. And it was granted.

Sadly, that moment of happiness was short-lived, as Gouley died in a hotel fire quite soon afterward.

In my view, this whole episode is an embarrassing part of Masonic history, but I think we can learn many lessons from it and take advantage of possibilities that exist NOW which didn't exist then.

In my opinion, there was blame enough on all sides. Gouley had his faults, but Pike had a few more, which were magnified and amplified during the controversy.

However, I have always believed that assigning levels of fault doesn't accomplish much gain. Furthermore, it is unbecoming to be a fault-finder. Even worse is finding fault with deceased individuals who cannot defend themselves. However, I would like to analyze areas in which "constructive progress" might be obtained in this current age.

Pike hinted that a mutual "treaty" was far superior to Gouley's unilateral demands. His openly saying that some type of mutual accord was desirable revealed that Pike realized in the back of his mind that Gouley might be speaking a grain of truth.

But it is quite obvious that Pike's pride wouldn't allow him to negotiate with Gouley. He even went so far as to say: "Pardon me also for suggesting that if any treaty or compromise could be entered into, or any preliminary negotiations to that end entered upon, it would not be with the Grand Commander of a State Grand

Body that I should discuss the terms, but with only the Grand Master of Templars of the United States who is himself a 33rd."

I admire Albert Pike, and I think he was absolutely right that any "treaty" should have come at the national level. He had no business in direct negotiations with Gouley. But Pike's pouting comment was exactly the remedy which was needed: Negotiation between the national leaders of both Rites.

Pike was often criticized for bold, controversial thoughts, which border on lunacy. Pike was so passionate about getting in the "last word" that he would tread on the edge at the risk of falling off the cliff. Sometimes, Pike's words caused him to fall from public grace, but I think his detractors are often mistaken about what he truly inwardly "meant" as opposed to what he outwardly "wrote."

In an issue of the journal "Masonic Monthly" from the year 1866, a Masonic writer had stern words about Pike, who was still living, and I think that such a contemporary evaluation or critique of Pike is much more valuable than modern-day writers who only add flashy conjecture based upon 20/20 hindsight.

The writer in 1866 said: "It is undeniable that Bro. Albert Pike is a man of fine talent and varied learning." But he went on to criticize Pike for adding too much unsubstantiated Egyptian lore into the Scottish Rite rituals and for sometimes airing a trial-balloon that a Scottish Rite Supreme Council could claim rights over the first three degrees of Symbolic Masonry. The writer felt that Pike's interpretation was essentially fostering a notion that the "higher degrees would have crushed out the meaning of the Blue Degrees." The writer went further by saying: "A strange mixture of truth and error, of nonsense and sound sense is this Brother Albert Pike."

That writer wrote his assessment of Pike totally independently of Gouley, yet it supports the opinion that Sir Knight Albert Pike overstepped into some areas with too much aggression. It would seem that Sir Knight Gouley had a good point that all

Scottish Rite candidates should witness the York Rite degrees first AND that there should be Unity among the bodies without jurisdictional interference crossing enumerated lines of authority.

The mistake has been the dividing of power (and prestige) between a split-trunk of the Masonic tree: one branch bent with the fruit of the York Rite branch, the other branch bent with the fruit of the Scottish Rite branch. Pike was envious that not enough candidates would pick fruit from his then-little branch (the Scottish Rite). Gouley was fearful that the additional choice would discourage picking the fruit from his then-large branch (the York Rite).

In my estimation, WE ARE ALL OF THE SAME TREE, and we owe allegiance to the primary root: the Grand Lodge. No healthy tree grows with one half being of full maturity, while the other half remains stunted. The whole tree grows upward and outward in a uniform manner (unless barriers or circumstances intervene). I believe that healthy branches of the Scottish Rite and the York Rite form this healthy "canopy of protection" for all who seek more Light in Masonry.

In the immediate years following the Pike-Gouley spat, there were many Masons nationwide with similar concerns. The original Shriners in 1872, who formed the Mystic Shrine of North America for the purpose of being a unifying ally of both Rites, had a prerequisite that a candidate first hold membership in the York Rite or Scottish Rite (with the implicit blessing that a man join both Rites). Dr. Walter M. Fleming wrote the original Shrine ritual when he had only received the first three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. In his book, *Parade to Glory*, Fred Van Deventer noted that "there can be little doubt that private and informal agreements on the prerequisites for Shrine membership were made among men who sat at the table for thirteen in Fowler's Restaurant" on the second floor of Knickerbocker Cottage, located at 426 Sixth Avenue in New York City. The other Masons in this luncheon club were all Knights Templar Masons in the York Rite

and 32° members in the Scottish Rite. Those men waited patiently for Fleming's advancement in Brooklyn's Aurora Grata Consistory and Columbian Commandery before the official founding of Mecca Shrine Center, which took place September 26, 1872. In the same book is Walter Fleming's own account of how he was responsible for many Knights Templar becoming Scottish Rite Masons (and vice versa) with the "two separate series of rites or orders ultimately becoming almost a united family."

Quite radically, Sir Knight Walter M. Fleming was chosen to serve as Eminent Commander of his Commandery, and nearly as rapidly, he became Illustrious Brother Walter M. Fleming, 33°, in that same momentous month as the founding of Mecca Shrine Center (September 1872). The other co-founder of the Mystic Shrine of North America was Sir Knight William J. "Billy" Florence, who was a member of Pittsburgh Commandery of Knights Templar in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Billy Florence was a 32°, but he received the 33° shortly before his death in 1891. For those two Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights, and Nobles, "Masonic Unity" was not a vague notion but a firm belief, which they put into practice.

What can be done today to ensure more Unity between the Rites? Perhaps, nothing can be done to revive a "lost opportunity" thrown aside in the 1860s.

The Shrine has taken a step backward by removing the Rites from its prerequisite list. I believe the Shrine made a grave mistake in doing that. PREREQUISITES are what gave the Mystic Shrine its allure, since the public regarded all Shriners as "high degree Masons" and hence, worthy of admiration.

Nevertheless, it seems to me that Masons of both Rites TODAY can cement the bonds of ancient history and display modern Brotherly love by outwardly noting the HARMONY of both Rites.

We cannot change the past, and from my observations, it seems unlikely that the Rites in America will adopt the Irish, single pyramid, degree progression chart. Our Rites in the USA are too

entrenched with the dual-ladder approach, and that is all well and good. It is pleasing that a man can join whichever Rite he wishes according to his time, talents, interests, energy, and finances.

The voluntary system now in place in America may work best for our Brethren here. Both Rites have been openly in view, but human nature being what it is, quite often a Master Mason will say he will join Rite "A" or Rite "B" (or both) and then never get around to it.

Human laziness and the mortal tendency toward procrastination is just as big a threat to membership statistics in the Rites as deaths or suspensions for nonpayment of dues. It is time for us to plug that gaping hole. **No one discusses the membership drain caused by "opportunities lost."** We have lost many prospective members before they even came to our door, due to misconceptions, ignorance, or even faulty information. By simple cooperation, the Rites could build the moral equivalent of a cement dam or reservoir to build PILLARS OF SUPPORT that are tangible and clear, to strengthen and encourage advancement in both Rites, which in turn strengthen Ancient Craft Masonry.

Mandatory prerequisites may be unwieldy here, but some sort of mutual "treaty" between the Rites in the USA, showing the preferred plan of men having witnessed both Rites, would be a show of support for the method in place in Ireland, and it would be a ratification/validation of the unity among the original Shriners with their foundation-fortifying original prerequisites.

Let us use our Templar and Kadosh swords to literally and figuratively form another "Arch of Steel," which will protect future candidates and members by giving them a canopy of harmony in a unified fashion; offering a clear historical framework showing that the Rites both bear worthwhile fruit which nourishes the hearts and minds of Master Masons (past and present).

An official treaty of friendship can't go back in time to replace opportunities lost, but it could provide a measure of stability by giving an "Official Endorsement" that

both Rites contribute mightily to the elevation of a man's individual Masonic education while also adding to the health and beauty of the overall Masonic family. An Official Treaty would counteract back-alley rumors among non-Masons or anti-Masons. It could never be sullied by men with fragile egos and biased attitudes. Lastly, it would give new Masons some incentive to "shoot-for." As members of our Fraternity, we need more men who will "aim to attain" certain levels in Masonry. From the perspective of the Rites, we need not only more men eager to climb the whole mountain but more who choose to utilize both pathways to the top.

Will we enact treaties to that effect? I certainly hope so.

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On the Masonic Newsfront

Tennessee Grand Commandery Officers Confer the Order of the Temple

The Northeast Tennessee York Rite Association had their Spring Festival in Kingsport, Tennessee, on April 19 and 26, 2008. The Chapter and Council degrees were conferred on a class of ten on April 19, and the Commandery Orders were conferred on a class of seven on April 26, 2008. (The other candidates will receive their Orders at their respective Commandery Inspection later this year.)

The following officers, who have moved up since, participated: R.E. Grand Commander Von Lewis conferred the Order of the Temple, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander Ray Covey filled the station of Standard Bearer, E. Grand Generalissimo Robert Waldon was Generalissimo, and E. Grand Captain General Glenn Beck was Captain General.

Other officers present and filling their stations were E.G.Jr.W. Clarence Crump, E.G.P. George Ladd III, E.G.Sw.B. William Clarkson, and E.G.W. Bobby Gene Pollard. (submitted by Sir Knight Richard Burow)



Ground Breaking for Texas Masonic Retirement Center, Arlington

The Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington, Texas, broke ground on March 27 for a new 5-story, \$9 million facility to expand its services to Texas Masons.

Some facts on the Retirement Center include the following: The Center, an Arlington fixture since 1907, plans the \$9 million expansion to add a 55,000-square-foot apartment facility at its current location. The new building will house 24 apartments, physical therapy facilities, and office space.

The Retirement community attracts senior members of the Masonic fraternity and its affiliated organizations from across the state. Only they are eligible to become residents.

A full range of services is provided to the nearly 180 current residents. Some individuals and couples live fully independently, taking advantage of the meal service, medical facilities, security, social interaction, and regularly scheduled transportation, etc., while others receive skilled nursing care provided on a 24-hour basis. → → → →

The Texas Masonic Retirement Center was established in 1907 in Arlington by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas as the Home for Aged Masons. One reason for selecting Arlington as the site for the home was rail access, then the preferred mode for long distance travel.

In the picture are those involved directly in the groundbreaking. Second from left is Clarence Joy Laney, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas. Members of the TMRC Board joining him are, from left, Floyd Hall, Ray Elliott, and Steve Wolf. (submitted by R.W. Jerry Cooper)



**Successful Spring Festival Held at Box Ranch, Florida
by Sir Knight Leroy Fackler, R.E. Grand Commander of Florida**



The Spring Festival in Indiantown was held in honor of Most Illustrious George E. Malone in loving memory of his wife Barbara Malone, who passed away on February 22, 2008.

The Festival started on Friday night, February 29, 2008, with the conferring of the first three degrees of the Chapter. The rest of the degrees were done on Saturday.

This was the first time that the work for the Spring Festival was performed outdoors on a ranch. The Order of the Temple started at 7:00 P.M. at the back of the ranch: A platform was built for the event; it was 32 feet wide by 40 feet long and had a small raised stage at one end. Since there was no electricity, the Orders of

the Commandery were done with lanterns and tiki torches. To add to the drama, somewhere nearby, two packs of coyotes were howling while the Order of the Temple was being performed.

The members and candidates all enjoyed the work and the atmosphere but not the giant mosquitoes. Nevertheless, everyone involved has expressed interest in performing the work at the same location next year if possible.

A total of 37 were exalted, and 37 were greeted. A total of 39 were Knighted.

As the Grand Commander of Florida, I will say that this was one of the best conferring of the degrees and orders that I have been involved in, and I hope that we can do it again. Thank you to all the Companions and Sir Knights who worked very hard to make this event happen, and I am especially grateful to Sir Knight Pual Friend: without his taking charge, this festival could not have taken place.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

Sheridan Assembly No. 131, Sheridan, Wyoming

The Assembly served the luncheon for the York Rite Festival held March 2008. Pictured, left to right, are: Mrs. Charles (Donna) Lee, President; Mrs. Fred (Doris) Case, Recorder; Alice Sholine, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Philip (Jane) Huckins, Assistant Marshal; Barbara Osborne, Chaplain; Cyndee Jacobson, Marshal; Mrs. Bob (Margo) Brotherton, Treasurer; and Wilma Browne, Daughter of the Household.



Sheridan No. 131 created twelve Easter baskets for their shut-ins and York Rite shut-ins at a covered dish dinner meeting early March 2008. Pictured, left to right, are: Mrs. Richard (Effie) Rexroat, Inner Guard; Wilma Browne, Daughter of the Household; Cyndee Jacobson, Marshal; Mrs. Charles (Donna) Lee, President; Mrs. Philip (Jane) Huckins, Assistant Marshal; Mrs. Fred (Doris) Case, Recorder; and Alice Sholine, 1st Vice President.



S.W.P. Mrs. Jeanette Rife's Official Visit to Los Angeles Assembly No. 42

Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of California, pictured right with the S.W.P., served the luncheon. They are, left to right: O. Reed Bollin, Richard T. Cooper, William Chant, Mrs. Rife, Paul E. McElwain; Donald Robinson, Robert C. Coe, and Donald J. Spencer, Grand Sentinel, who was subbing for Sir Knight C. Ned Richter, who was unable to attend.





Members present, front row: Mrs. William Chant, P.S.W.P.; Mrs. Jeanette Rife, S.W.P.; Mrs. Bruce Ewald, Pres.; Mrs. Fred H. Buxton, P.S.W.P.; second row: Mrs. Donald J. Spencer, P.P., Rec.; Mrs. Barbara Miller; Mrs. Donne Jimenez; Mrs. James Cunningham; Mrs. Russell Coleman, Mrs. James Kearney; Mrs. Joe Ryland, S. Preceptress; Mrs. O. Reed Bollin; third row: Mrs. David Ottinger, Mrs. Robert Coe, Mrs. Arthur Christensen; Mrs. Mourad Kaplanian; Mrs. George Ezmirian; Mrs. Richard Cooper; Mrs. Marshall Severson; Mrs. Paul McElwain, Mrs. William Maseredjian; Mrs. Harry Anderson; Mrs. Vincent Bell; Mrs. James Burkett; Mrs. Jack Gaskin; Mrs. Robert Miller.

S.W.P. Mrs. Jeanette Rife's Official Visit to Long Beach No. 39, California



At left is S.W.P. Mrs. Jeanette Rife, center, with the officers and visitors. Mrs. Rife attended the initiation of Mrs. John Walling. P.S.W.P.s Mrs. William Chant, Mrs. Fred Buxton, and Mrs. O. Reed Bollin were also present.

Above right are four Presidents present: Santa Anna, Mrs. Robert Coe; Long Beach, Mrs. O. Reed Bollin; Los Angeles, Mrs. Bruce Ewald; and San Bernardino, Mrs. Roy Ackerman.



Above left, Long Beach No. 39 President, Mrs. O. Reed Bollin, presents Supreme Worthy President Mrs. Jeanette Rife with a check for \$1,000.00 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.



Thank You from a Pilgrim Minister—Northern California!

On February 19, 2008, a dream came true. I was on my way to the Holy Lands with 53 other fortunate clergy. We came from different churches and denominations from around the United States. We were men and women of all ages, young and old; some were just starting out in their ministries, others were in their prime, still others were soon to retire. We were as diverse as the Christian Church, but we all shared one very strong feeling. We all felt so grateful to the Knights Templar for their generous gift to each one of us. We all felt that we were given such a blessed opportunity to walk where Jesus walked.

To hear the brilliant lectures from our guide Ezra Eini and to see the countryside, the cities, the culture, the ancient ruins and the shrines; I was given new tools and experiences that will enrich my ministry and bring to life Jesus and His story to my congregation. The Bible is no longer just words; it has come alive! This year Holy Week and Easter held new meaning for me and for others because we had just returned from this incredible trip. Thank you!

Rev. Jackie Kortright
First United Methodist Church of Loomis



Masonic fraternities have played an important role in Idaho's communities since gold rush days. This exhibit traces the mysterious origins of the Freemasons and their vital link to Idaho history from territorial times through statehood and into today. Enjoy rarely seen folk art and artifacts from lodges around the state and increase your understanding of this "society with secrets."



The exhibit opens May 24 and runs through August 31. The Idaho State Historical Museum is located at 610 North Julia Davis Drive in Boise and is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday and from 1:00 to 5:00 pm on Sunday. For more information call 334-2120.



Sale of Masonic Shelf to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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

If you are interested in buying a shelf, please send check or money order in the amount of \$95.00 (includes shipping and handling) to Stanley C. Buz; mail to him at: P.O. Box 702, Whitehall, PA 18052.



Sale of Blue Lodge Wall Hanging To Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Made of 100% USA cotton and manufactured in the USA as well, the wall hanging is manufactured with 380 picks per square inch for outstanding definition. It is made of upholstery material and has solid cotton backing. The design has: 3 steps to Masonry, a Bible verse (Matthew 7: 7) and much more. It is 25 x 33 inches and comes with a wooden wall hanger and a brass chain and is ready to be hung up when you receive it. The price is \$44.75, which includes shipping and insurance. For every wall hanging sold, \$8.00 goes to the KTEF. If interested, please send check or money order to: Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.



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.



Grand Commandery of California Sesquicentennial Coins to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The Grand Commandery of California is selling its Sesquicentennial coins for \$15.00, postage paid, and all profits from the sale will be donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Make checks payable to and send to: Charles R. Waterman, Jr., 731 Scottsdale Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687.



Sale of California Cookbook to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



A COLLECTION OF
FAVORITE RECIPES FROM
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMANDERIES
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

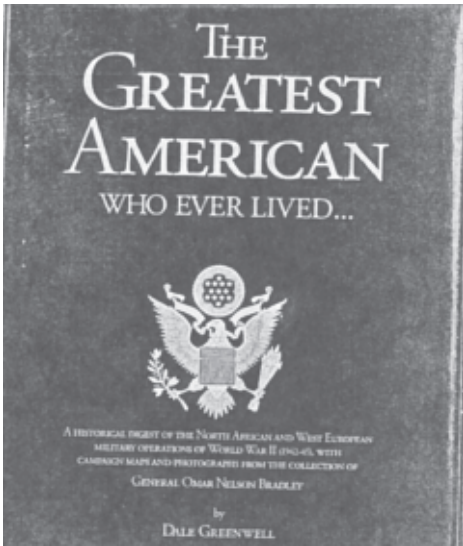


Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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.alpha.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 Adds Blue Lodge/Knights Templar Lapel Pin To Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Manchester Commandery No. 40, Manchester, Tennessee, is pleased to announce that it is continuing its fund-raiser for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and has added a **new Blue Lodge/Knights Templar pin** to their selection of unique **lapel pins!** In the past five years of pin sales, donations to the Campaign have exceeded the \$29,500 mark! Manchester No. 40 would like to thank those who have purchased these pins and encourage you to check out the new Blue Lodge/Knights Templar pin. The entire collection can also be viewed in color at www.yorkriteusa.org These pins are available for **\$6.50 each** with free shipping, and 100% of all proceeds go to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Make check or money order in American funds payable to: **Manchester Commandery No. 40**. Send to Garry L. Carter, Recorder; 530 Winchester Hwy., Hillsboro, TN 37342. Thanks again for your continued support.



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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.

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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.

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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



Thirty Knighted in One-day Class in Jacksonville, Florida

A York Rite One-day Class, honoring Robert P. Harry, Grand Master of Masons in Florida, was held on Saturday, April 12, 2008, in Jacksonville, Florida. The R.A.M. Chapter and R. & S.M. Council degrees and the Knights Templar Orders were all conferred in a single day. Thirty candidates were exalted, greeted, and knighted during the day. The new Sir Knights assembled had come from Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Lake City, Palatka, and St. Augustine.

The new Sir Knights and most of the officers and cast are pictured here after the Commandery closing.



In the first row, seated, left to right, are: Sir Knights Paul Friend, P.C., Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Florida, Director of Work for the One-day Class; C. Robert Cooper, P.C., P.D.D.G.C., D.I. No. 7, D.D.G.H.P.; Darryl A. D'Angina, KYCH, R.E. Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Florida; Francisco T. Camacho, P.C., D.I. No. 8; and Corbin P. Elliott, KYCH, KCT.

Standing in the back row, left to right, are: Sir Knights Paul H. Gegenheimer, St.B.; William H. McClean, P.C.; Walter M. Hammond, Rec.; Samuel D. Reasor, P.C.; Jimmy A. Dorsey, Sw.B.; Samuel D. Hope, Gen.; Quinnie Williams, KYCH; Leland E. Stanford III, P.C.; Wilmer T. Atwell, S.W.; Alton B. Johnson, W.; Robert Niles, P.C.; Burt F. Maguire, P.C.; Barry Berger, Sen.; and Corey D. Kosciuszko, Guard. Seen on the far right in the next to the last row in civilian clothes is Steve Barnett, Sovereign Master of the Order of the Red Cross.

Taking part in the work but not pictured, were Sir Knights David A. Yarborough, KYCH, and William Ronald Taylor, R.E.P.G.C., Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Florida.

(submitted by Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliott, KYCH, KCT)

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**Closeup of a
panel in the
stained glass
window leading
to the asylum of
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