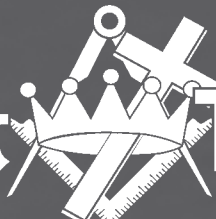


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Grand Master's Message for August 2008

The Green Leaves of Summer

Being a child in the 1950's and 1960's, I always have special remembrances of summer. In those times, the days seemed to last forever, and our heroes were clearly defined and easily identified. They rode in on white or palomino horses wearing white cowboy hats and were always there in time to save the day. Right always prevailed, the villains were always caught, and in the end, the hero walked away with the girl!



In 1960, the Movie, "The Alamo" starring John Wayne (my all time hero) hit the big screen in Cinarama, which was a big thing in 1960. The heroes of the movie, Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie, and William Travis all died, but they died for a cause worth dying for in a battle that epitomizes the American Character. The musical score, "The Green Leaves of Summer", was written by Dimitri Tiomkin, a Russian songwriter who wrote music for many of the popular movies of that era, particularly westerns. But that more movies of that genre were made today!

The words of the song hearken to the special time of summer. It also spoke of the very seasons of our life. Spring, marks the beginning of our lives as children striving to become adults. Summer signifies our early adult years as we approach middle age (whatever that is). Fall then brings us to our retiring years, and of course winter heralds the approach of the last years of our lives. The "Green Leaves of Summer" clearly celebrates in song the most productive years of our lives - summer.

As we enjoy the days of summer 2008, let us remember that life brings us many opportunities every day to fulfill our dreams and lay plans for the future of ourselves, our families and our fraternity. Everything is so alive during the warm days of summer, and there is no better time of the year to accomplish our goals, whatever they may be. Enjoy the summer as winter will come all too quickly!

William H. Koon II.

William H. Koon II, GCT
Grand Master



Knights Templar



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

AUGUST: This month we have much exciting news as well as many stimulating articles to keep you occupied during these long summer days! Managing Editor John L. Palmer introduces members of your editorial board, starting this month on page 4; Sir Knight Lampadarios speaks of his Greek Orthodox faith and Knights Templary on page 5; meet your new Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment on page 6; and read about the partnership between the KTEF and EyeCare America on page 9. “Grandpa’s Sword” will inspire you; the article about Waite Hoyt will enthuse you; and the article about the last provincial Grand Master of New York will inform and surprise you. Enjoy all from cover to cover.

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A Chat With The Managing Editor

Last month I told you that we were selecting an editorial review board for the magazine and that Sir Knight Rex Hutchens is to be the chairman. The board is now in place. In addition to Sir Knight Hutchens we have Sir Knight Terry Plemmons, Sir Knight Leroy Delionbach, Sir Knight Aaron Shoemaker, Sir Knight Stephen Dafoe, and our publisher, Sir Knight Sid Dorris.

As space permits, I will be introducing them to you in more detail during the next few months. This month we will feature Sir Knight Leroy Delionbach, a past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina, and Sir Knight Stephen Dafoe, Past Grand Historian of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Leroy is on the faculty of Aiken Technical College serving as criminal justice program coordinator. At the college he has held the position of personnel director and has been the head of both the psychology and human services departments. He has served in various positions of leadership in public, business, and academic environments. He has served as a Methodist minister, an army officer, and in various law enforcement and criminal justice positions. He is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa, and Phi Theta Kappa, where he received the Robert Giles Distinguished Advisor award and has been nominated seven times by students to appear in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. He has had articles published in *Human Factors*, 3.5, the international journal of Phi Theta Kappa, *Knight Templar*, and the *Transactions of the South Carolina Masonic Research Society*.

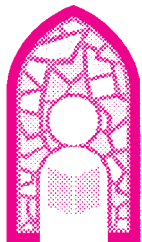
Sir Knight Delionbach has served as a Grand Officer in all the York Rite bodies of South Carolina. He is a KCCH, a KYGCH, and served as Grand Commander of South Carolina in 1992. We are fortunate to have him on our board.

Sir Knight Stephen Dafoe is the publisher of *Templar History Magazine* and has appeared in numerous documentaries on the history of the Templars and related subjects. He is the author of *Nobly Born: An Illustrated History of the Knights Templar* and *The Compasses and the Cross: A History of the Masonic Knights Templar*. He also coauthored *The Warriors and the Bankers* and *The Knights Templar Revealed*. An accepted authority on Templar history, he is a valuable addition to our board.

As you can see, our Grand Master is serious about his resolution "to improve the readability, content, quality, and appearance of the *Knight Templar* magazine this year" and has selected the very best team possible to take us where we need to go.



John L. Palmer
Managing Editor
august 2008



Prelate's Chapel

Masonic Templary and My Greek Orthodox Christian Faith

*by Sir Knight Michael A. Lampadarios, KCT
Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of New York*

My family has had a centuries old connection to the Greek Orthodox Church. In addition to the fact that many of my recent ancestors, on both sides of my family, have been clerics; the very surname is a title that has been bestowed upon the Musical Directors of the church at Hagia Sophia. Even today, one of my first cousins is a bishop with the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Alexandria, recently having the title of Metropolitan of Ghana. In the recent history of my family; my father, his oldest brother, and two of my first cousins, both of whom are also named Michael Lampadarios, have all become Masons. I note my family history in the hope that my experience will be more credible to many Templars of the Orthodox faith who have been estranged from their Church through no fault of their own or that of Masonry; hopefully, they can take heart in the realization that Templary, while not involved with doctrine, is not theologically alien to their religion.

I became a Mason primarily due to the fact that my father suggested it. I had no idea as to what I should expect during the conferral of the three Craft degrees. My first impression, however, when I was raised, was that somehow I represented Jesus Christ, who was resurrected after being killed. During my further instruction in the Lodge, I was dissuaded from this impression. Subsequent scholarship on my part provided additional symbolism to veer me away from that line of thought. Craft Masonry emphasizes that its votaries believe only in a single God and is scrupulously Deistic, so that I was persuaded that there was no connection between my religion and Masonry; however, I still felt that Jesus Christ was included in the "pantheon" of benefactors of humanity that Hiram Abiff represented. Moreover, the moral principles that Masonry expounds appeared to me a layman's system to achieve "ataraxia," the inner peace described by the ancient Greek philosophers. As I continued in the York Rite and went through the metamorphosis from a COMPLETE MAN to a PERFECT MAN, I realized that the theme of death and resurrection was intensified. The end result was, of course, that I began to think that my life's goal was to achieve spirituality. This goal was originally pointed out to me in my religious classes in Greek parochial school. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that some Greek Orthodox Christians, egged on by some minor priests, were virulently anti-Masonic. I realized that their rantings were based on ignorance, and I took little heed of them. To someone with my family history, however, it was disconcerting.

That is, it was disconcerting until I received my three Templar Orders. The milestones of Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension that were presented in the Order of Malta clearly totally alleviated my concerns. The taking of wine in the Order of the Temple was highly symbolic of the Communion received in the Greek Orthodox Liturgy, but the Templar ritual wherein we recite the "Lord's Prayer," especially the use of the words "debts" and "debtors," which are a literal translation from the Greek, instead of "trespass" and "trespasses," made me feel completely within my faith. Finally, the recitation of the "Apostles' Creed" during our opening ceremonies, even though in my personal religious view it is a generic version, is similar enough to the Nicene Creed that I learned as a child to further solidify this feeling. Therefore, as a Greek Orthodox Christian, I am gratified that the ancient moral principles espoused by Masonry can be expressed in the faith of my fathers. I hope that all other Orthodox Templars can feel the same.

Duane Lee Vaught of Indiana Installed as Right Eminent Grand Captain General

Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, GCT, Past Grand Commander and Past Grand Master of Indiana, was installed the Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment on August 29, 2007, following the resignation of Most Eminent Grand Master Richard Burditt Baldwin.

Duane L. Vaught, the 157th Grand Master of Indiana, was born February 17, 1956, in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the first of three sons of Lloyd E. Vaught and Loretta Maxine Vaught. He graduated from North Montgomery High School and from Indiana University, the latter with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. During college he was in Air Force ROTC becoming Cadet Major. He was baptized and confirmed as a member of the Methodist Church. In December 2000 he married Georgia Jean Nagai Goode. M.W. Brother Vaught has two brothers, Dale and Glen, both residing in Indiana. Georgia has a sister, Gloria, living in Atlanta, Georgia.

Duane Vaught began his professional career with a national accounting firm in its Indianapolis office, during which time he passed the CPA exam and was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. He subsequently moved to a large local accounting firm in Bloomington, Indiana. He advanced in that firm to the level of partner. Since 1995 He has been vice-president of Stampfli Associates, CPAs, P.C., which has grown to be one of the largest accounting firms in Bloomington, Indiana.

Although he works with individuals and many kinds of businesses, not for profit entities are one of his primary specialties.



He served as president of his chapter of Kiwanis, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Indiana State CPA Society and the Bloomington Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants, in which last organization he served several years as Vice-president for Professional Education.

Duane Vaught began his Masonic career on April 30, 1971, when he was initiated into Montgomery Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. In DeMolay he served as Master Councilor of his Chapter, Illustrious Knight Commander of DeMolay Order of Knighthood in Indiana and two years as an appointed officer of the DeMolay State Council. He has received the DeMolay honors of Representative DeMolay, Chevalier, and Legion of Honor (Active). Brother Vaught was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Crawfordsville on March 21, 1977, and was raised to the degree of Master Mason 49 days later after previously receiving the degree of Fellowcraft. He served as Worshipful Master of Spencer Lodge No. 95 in 1993 during which year the

lodge received the Grand Master's Award with Distinction. He has also served as Worshipful Master of Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research. Vaught received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, Cryptic Masonry and the Orders of Chivalric Masonry on October 22, 1977, in a festival, held in Muncie, in honor of then presiding Most Eminent Grand Master, Willard M. Avery. He Served as High Priest of Crawfordsville Chapter No. 40 and Illustrious Master of Montgomery Council No. 34 in 1983. In 1995 he was appointed as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Oregon near Indiana.

Sir Knight Vaught served as Eminent Commander of Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 in 1981 and 1982 and has received the Distinguished Service, Knight Commander of the Temple, and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple awards. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Illinois near Indiana and also holds memberships in Bloomington Commandery No. 63 and St. Anselm Commandery UD. He holds honorary memberships in several other Grand Commanderies. He served ten years as an officer of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana culminating in serving as the 140th Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana in 2001 - 2002. Sir Knight Vaught is also serving on the Finance Committee of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the USA. Brother Vaught is a Past Governor of Banks of the Wabash York Rite College No. 72 and has received the Gold Honor Award and Order of the Purple Cross. He is a Past Excellent Chief of Indiana Council No. 15 Knight Masons and Past Director General of Indianapolis Preceptory, Yeomen of York. In the Allied Masonic Degrees he is a Past Sovereign Master of St. Bernard de Clairvaux Council 256, as well as Past Commander Noah and Past Supreme knight templar

Ruler of the Secret Monitor. He is a Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri and currently serves as Secretary of his Council.

Brother Vaught is currently serving as an officer of St. Basil Conclave Red Cross of Constantine and St. Andrew Tabernacle XXXV Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a member IX degree, Knight Grand Cross of Indiana College, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, MSCRIF, and serves as Treasurer General of the High Council, MSCRIF of the United States. He is a member of J. Herbert Nichols and Robert A. Woods Pories of KYCH, Terre Haute Valley, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Murat Shrine AAONMS, Sahara Grotto MOVPER, Knights of Pythias, Grand College of Rites, Order of Knights Preceptor, Indiana Past Commanders Association, Goose and Tater, and Royal Order of Zanzibar.

In 2005 he was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°. He is a Grand Cross of the Royal Society of Knights Occidental and an Honorary Kentucky Colonel. Most Worshipful Grand Master Roger S. VanGorden appointed Duane as Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge in May of 2002. Brother Vaught was later appointed as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon near Indiana. In 2003 he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon by Most Worshipful Grand Master James L. Chesney. In 2004, 2005, and 2006 he was elected to each successive office and on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, was invested with the purple of the fraternity as the 157th Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana. Sir Knight Vaught was appointed Right Eminent Grand Captain General, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA on August 29, 2007, by Sir Knight William Koon II, Grand Master.



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No. 102,777—Stanley Wayne Elder (TN)

No. 102,778—Ronald Wayne Hubbard (TN)
No. 102,779—William D. Ligon III (TN)
No. 102,780—Richard D. Pollard (TN)
No. 102,781—Phillip M. Leach (TX)

Sir Knight Frederick J. Berenbroick Receives Recognition as Member of Permanent Donor Fund at New Jersey Annual Conclave

At the New Jersey Annual Conclave in March 2008, Sir Knight John M. Lewis, Northeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, presented Sir Knight Frederick J. Berenbroick with recognition for his contribution to the KTEF which made him a member of the Permanent Donor Fund.

In the picture below, left to right, are: Lady Lynne Berenbroick; Sir Knight John M. Lewis, R.E.D.C.; Sir Knight Frederick J. Berenbroick; and Sir Knight William J. Berenbroick. Sir Knight Bill was elected and installed as the V.E. Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey.



Did You Know?

About the Partnership between the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and EyeCare America?

by
David J. Palmer, MD



The Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) is proud to celebrate 12 years of partnership with EyeCare America (ECA), providing ongoing support for its Seniors EyeCare Program (SEP). This marks the longest most successful partnership in the history of EyeCare America. During this time the KT/ECA partnership has provided \$6.11 in care for every dollar donated by the KTEF. By any measure of success, this means that Sir Knights can be sure that their donations are well used.

ECA continues to promote the program, including the KTEF partnership, to the media reaching an audience of over 46,003,555 million people with a direct mention of KTEF support of the SEP. EyeCare America provides eye exams and up to one year of medical care at no cost to senior citizens across the U.S through volunteer ophthalmologists.

With continued support from the KTEF, ECA has helped more than 228,835 people through its Seniors EyeCare Program since April 2000. This award-winning program has received recognition from high-profile individuals such as, George

H.W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, Senator and Astronaut John Glenn, as well as celebrities like, Bill Cosby, Betty White, and Mary Martin. In 2006, EyeCare America received a Presidential Service Award from the current Bush administration.

With continued support from the KTEF, ECA has helped more than 228,835 people through its Seniors EyeCare Program since April 2000.

One of the major barriers to receiving quality eye care, especially for seniors, is being able to afford the co-pay cost for a medical eye exam. The Seniors EyeCare Program provides a complete medical eye exam and care for any disease diagnosed for up to one year at no out-of-pocket cost to people who are U.S. citizens or legal residents, age 65 and older, and those who have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years.

The Seniors EyeCare Program has a toll-

free helpline (1-800-222-EYES) available in English and Spanish, open 24-hours a day, every day, year-round. Eligible callers will receive a referral to one of EyeCare America's 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists. Each SEP volunteer agrees to see patients at no out-of-pocket cost by accepting Medicare and supplemental insurance as payment in full. ECA also distributes FREE eye care informational materials by request.



David J. Palmer, MD is chairman of Eye Care America-Senior Eye Care Program committee. He received his medical school degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, Chicago, performed a medical internship at

Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center, Chicago, had his residency at the University of Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, Chicago, and completed a glaucoma fellowship at Harvard's Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston. Dr. Palmer is a clinical assistant professor at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, and is in private practice in Chicago and Glenview, IL.

How can Sir Knights get involved? ECA offers to send talking points and brochures to any Sir Knight who wishes to share the SEP helpline (1-800-222-EYES) with anyone who is 65 or older. Please call ECA's administration line today to let us know how we can help you get the word out in your community 877-887-6327. They will enroll you as an official Sir Knight Volunteer.



Eye Foundation Grant Awarded to Maine Laboratory

On September 10, 2007, Sir Knight John O. Bond, Sr., Right Eminent Past Department Commander of the Northeastern Department, on behalf of the Knights

Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. presented a pediatric ophthalmology research grant to Peter G. Fuerst, PhD, of the Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, Maine.

The Jackson Laboratory has 13,000 employees and over 700,000 mice. The mice are used for research on disease of the eyes as well as cancer and other diseases.



Shown in the photograph are left to right: Sir Knight Gordon W. Harrington, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, Sir Knight John O. Bond, Sr., R.E.P.D.C. making the presentation to Peter G. Fuerst, Ph.D., Post Doctoral Associate and Robert Burgess, Ph.D., Staff Scientist.

Eye Foundation Grant Aids Van Andel Institute

In Grand Rapids, Michigan, Van Andel Institute (VAI) officials hosted members of the Knights Templar Grand Commandery of Michigan on September 12, to commemorate the awarding of a one-year \$30,000 grant by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. to Jennifer Bromberg-White, Ph.D. a post-doctoral research fellow in the Van Andel Research Institute's (VARI) Laboratory of Cancer and Developmental Cell Biology.

The grant supports Dr. Bromberg-White's proposal entitled "The Role of MAPK Signaling in Vascular Development in the Eye" which seeks to answer whether a family of proteins called MEK's that is fundamentally important for blood vessel growth in cancer is also important in retinal development and in retinal diseases related to abnormal blood vessel growth.

A large contingent of Knights Templar, Grand Commandery of Michigan, members and spouses traveled from across the state to attend the ceremony.

Dr. Rhude, a retired optometrist, presented the ceremonial check to Dr. Bromberg-White. "The continued generosity of organizations like the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is now paying dividends as young and talented scientists like Dr. Jenn White make new discoveries that help us understand human diseases and develop new therapies for their treatment," said Dr. Duesbery, who hosted the event and who directs the Laboratory of Cancer and Developmental Cell Biology as its senior scientific investigator.

"Dr. White is taking some of the basic discoveries we have made regarding blood vessel growth in tumors and with an exciting twist is using these to generate fundamental insight into retinal vascularization that may lead to new therapies for eye diseases."



Those pictured from left to right are Sir Knight William Herlihy, Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knight Glenn Leeper, Jr., Grand Commander Knights Templar MI; Sir Knight Cortland Rule, Grand Junior Warden; Jennifer Bromberg-White, Ph.D.; Sir Knight Paul Tarr, Jr., Commander; Dr. Dwight Rhude, of the KTEF in Michigan and P.C of his Commandery; and Sir Knight David Seyferth, Deputy Grand Commander.

The 27th Holy Land Pilgrimage—Reminder

**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:

Thank you and the Knights Templar for the wonderful, life-changing experience I had on the Holy Land Pilgrimage!

I relive the experience in some manner every day. It was like a dream come true, and better than that...I still am pinching myself that I was there!

I am presenting to my church and have been asked to speak at the worship service of a Knights Templar meeting here in Florida. I am reading the Bible a little differently these days and still with some visible emotion when I come to a passage which reminds me of where I was or something new I learned on the trip!

I would be amiss not to mention the professionalism of the trip tour, our guide, and the arrangements, including wonderful accommodations and meals. Everything was first-rate and made the trip even more special!

Thank you for your leadership in all this. I pray that God will bless you for your commitment to making such a marvelous difference. Please remember that each minister goes home and is privileged to speak to and affect so many.

Grandpa's Sword

by

Robert M. Wolfarth



When I was a kid, my dad handed down a few heirlooms to my brother and me. One was a pair of real Nazi daggers, complete with swastikas. Just the kind of cool gems my brother and I wanted—no matter how I might cringe today. We didn't know how they wound up in our family or what their chronicle of action was, but our imaginations ran wild over the battlefield, and that was good enough for us.

The other heirloom was a sword. Carved bone handle. Dirty with age, but in fine shape. Unsheathed, it was inscribed "C.B. Bushnell" and had engravings of guys in weird outfits fighting battles. Most of the warriors carried shields, some bearing crosses. Near the handle was inscribed the odd Latin phrase *memento mori*. All in all, not quite as cool as those Nazi daggers, but it was the only real sword on the block, so it scored a few points with our friends.

The sword was obviously old, but like the daggers, we didn't know its history, so our imaginations filled in the gaps. "It's probably from the Spanish-American War," I stated with faux authority, as if I knew why or when that war was fought. And who was this C.B. Bushnell, anyhow? We

don't have any Bushnells in our lineage. Years went by. My brother and I managed to get through childhood without goring each other or our dog. Like most kids, we learned in high school who the Nazis really were, and we suddenly eyed those creepy daggers with a new chill. God help us if American blood was ever shed on those weapons. But the sword remained a mystery—and generally remained in the closet.

Heading off to college, we negotiated our way down the brotherly divorce list of who gets what. I got the daggers, and he got the sword. Away we went

with our lives. I shelved the daggers, thinking they might be worth something someday to my progeny. No doubt my brother did the same with the sword.

Fast-forward 25 years to 2006. I had been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and around that time discovered to my surprise that my own grandfather, Carl Adam Wolfarth, was not only a Mason but a Thrice Illustrious Master—a busy man at the York Rite in Mansfield, Ohio. In due time, I petitioned the York Rite, and received the degrees of the Chapter, Council, and Commandry. Suddenly,



at a pivotal point in the Commandery degrees, I found myself staring right at the answer to a lifelong question. That sword! Forgotten and unused! So carefully crafted by the M.C. Lilley team, and now left to corrode slowly into obscurity! It belongs in the York Rite!

I rushed home that night and worked up a tactful proposal to my brother back in Dallas: I'll send you the Nazi daggers if you'll send me the sword. Here's why: at long last, I understand it. I finally know what that sword is for, what it means in American history, and what it meant to Grandpa. My brother is not a Mason, but he understood the importance of the situation to me, and he bundled it amply for the trip to Salt Lake City.

Carefully cutting away the bubble wrap, I gazed at it at last through new eyes. A

shining cross with a crown. A beautiful triangle. A Crusader battle scene complete with Jerusalem. I knelt with the sword, first thanking God for its safe deliverance, and then thanking Carl Adam Wolfarth for preserving it for me. Finally, Grandpa, I grasp its meaning!

And what of C.B. Bushnell? More than likely, as with countless other implements of Masonic office, I will never know who this original owner was. But I now know that he was my Brother. If I could hear whispers from beyond the grave, I have no doubt that Brother Bushnell would tell me his stories of the York Rite from a hundred years or better in the past. I'll never hear his voice, nor that of my grandfather, but each time I take this fine sword with me to serve the Rite at the majestic Salt Lake Masonic Temple, I will *memento mori*.



Robert M. Wolfarth, 32°, a native Texan, now calls Salt Lake City home. After six years working in defense and foreign policy for the US Congress in Washington, Robert moved into the medical device industry. He is fascinated with systems of ethics as influenced by different societies and religions, and is a writer by passion. He is a Knight Templar and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. Robert is active in his community, the United Methodist Church, and serves Wasatch Lodge #1 as editor of "The Trestleboard," and Argenta Lodge #3 as Junior Deacon. You can reach him at CornWineOil@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIUM



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Virginia
Grand Commander 1976
Born: November 8, 1924
Died: June 4, 2008
Jon W. Mayberry
Virginia
Grand Commander 2004
Born: November 3, 1940
Died: June 10, 2008

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A Brief Resume on the History of the Knights Templar Part I

by

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Multitudes of pilgrims in the eleventh and twelfth centuries visited Jerusalem for the purpose of offering their devotions at the Holy Sepulcher of Christ and other Holy Places in Jerusalem. Many of these religious wanderers were weak, old, and mostly unarmed; and thousands of them were subjected to the hostilities of the hordes of Arabs who even after the capture of Jerusalem by the Christians continued to infest the sea coast of Palestine and the roads to Jerusalem.

Nine French Knights, the followers of Baldwin, united in the year 1118 in a military brotherhood and entered into a solemn pact to aid each other in clearing the roads and defending pilgrims in their passage to the Holy City. Two of these Knights were Hugh de Payens and Godfrey de St. Aldemar. They, along with seven others, took the usual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience before the king of Jerusalem. They assumed the title Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ. The Abbot of Jerusalem gave to them, as a place to store their arms and supplies, portions of the old Temple Mount and the street between the palace of the king and the temple whence they derived the name Templars.

Hugh de Payens journeyed to Europe to solicit a new crusade on behalf of Baldwin, and he presented his companions to Pope Honorius II from whom he craved permission to form a religious military order. The Pontiff referred them to the ecclesiastical Council which was then in session. Having presented his vocation and that of his companions to the Fathers, their request was granted. St. Bernard was directed to prescribe a rule for the new Order. In this rule, the knights of the Order were called *Pauperes commilitis*

Christie et Templi Salomonis, or The Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon.

Hugh de Payens returned to Jerusalem carrying with him many recruits from the noblest families of Europe. The Order prescribed for the professed knights white garments as a symbol of a pure life to which Pope Eugenius II later added a red cross to be worn on the left breast as a symbol of martyrdom. The Templars soon became preeminently distinguished as warriors of the cross. St. Bernard speaks in the warmest terms of their self denial, their frugality, their modesty, their piety, and their bravery. "Their arms are their only finery, and they use them with courage without dreading either the number or the strength of the barbarians. All their confidence is in the Lord of Hosts, and in fighting for his cause they seek a sure victory or a Christian and honorable death."

The banner or Beauseant of the order was half white and half black, indicative of peace to their friends but destruction to their foes. At their reception each Templar swore never to turn his back on his enemies but either to vanquish his foe or die. The word *beau* in medieval French meant a lofty state, for which translators have offered such terms as noble, glorious, and even magnificent. As a battle cry, the Beauseant was a charge to "Be noble" or "Be glorious."

The Order very quickly grew from its simple beginnings to a complicated organization. By the twelfth century it was divided into three classes; Knights, Chaplains, and Serving Brethren. In the case of the Knights, whoever presented himself for admission into the Order was required to prove that he was born from a knightly family and was born in lawful wedlock; that he was free from all previous obligations; that he was neither married nor betrothed; and that he had not made any vows of reception into another Order. That further, he was not in debt, and finally, that he was of a sound and healthy constitution of body.

The Chaplains consisted only of laymen. They were required to serve a novitiate of one year. They were required to take the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Their duties were to perform all religious offices and to officiate at all the ceremonies of the Order. The Serving Brethrens' only qualification was that they should be free born and not slaves. They fought in the field under the Knights and performed at home, the menial offices of the household. Later this group was divided into two; Brethren at Arms and the Handicraft Brethren. The latter was the most esteemed group and remained in the preceptories to exercised their various trades.



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■ 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 authenticity. Penny is made of antique bronze (looks like gold). This is a fundraiser 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.*

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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.*

■ Cochran Lodge No. 217, F. & A.M., Cochran, Georgia, is continuing its long-term charity project: In addition to the Masonic and Shrine jewelry boxes, we are now offering *O.E.S. jewelry boxes*: all are approx. 5.5 x5.5 x2.5 inches in size, constructed of exotic woods from Central America, and hand-crafted with an interlocking design. All profits go to Masonic charity with a portion going directly to the Georgia Masonic Children's Home Endowment Fund. The price for each box is \$20.00, plus \$6.00 S & H. Postage is pro-rated on bulk orders; please

contact e-mail below or call (478) 934-7236 for pro-rated S & H rates. Check or MO to *Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217* and mail to *Harry A. Bruno, Chairman; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F. & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014; or e-mail harrya217@cstel.net*

■ For sale: peel-off, vinyl, royal blue square and compass decals designed to fit on your license plate or window, 2 inches high, 1 inch wide. 6 vinyl decals for \$5.00, postpaid. Also, approx. 4-inch reflective-chrome, vinyl square and compass. *Past Master, O.E.S., or Shrine* decals to fit on your taillights, only \$5.00 per set of 2, postpaid. Also, black vinyl, square and compass decals, 3/4 by 3/4-inch, designed to place on the photo or list of your Past Masters who have gone on to that Celestial Lodge Above. 10 decals for only \$5.00, postpaid. All profits go to our Masonic Widows' Fund. *Joe Allen, P.M., Sec.; Cochran Masonic Lodge No. 217, F. & A.M.; P.O. Box 732; Cochran; GA 31014.*

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Waite Hoyt: Hall of Fame Pitcher, Play-by-play Announcer and Once a Mason

by Sir Knight Ivan M. Tribe, KYCH, KCT, 33°

In recent years major league baseball players who go on to become play-by-play announcers have become fairly common, but such was not always the case. In recent decades one can think of Jerry Coleman, Joe Nuxhall, Don Drysdale, Herb Score, and, perhaps most obviously, the late Dizzy Dean. Still, there were others who pioneered in the trade.

One of the best who also earned his niche in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown was Waite Hoyt, who was the ace right hander of the New York Yankees at nearly the same time that Brother Herb Pennock was their southpaw, hurling star. After two decades in the majors, Hoyt went into sportscasting and spent even longer in that field, putting in nearly a quarter century broadcasting Cincinnati Reds' games.

Waite Charles Hoyt was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 9, 1899. The Hoyts were in fact longtime residents of Brooklyn. Waite's father had been in the clothing business but switched his employment to Swift and Company when it appeared that there was little opportunity for advancement with the firm of L. Heller and Sons.

Kids growing up in Brooklyn in those days developed an early interest in baseball, and Waite was no exception. At first he wanted to be a second baseman (an early idol was Larry Doyle of the Giants); he soon afterward became a pitcher because his original team lacked uniforms, but another unit that had them needed someone who could throw hard. On such immature judgment, great decisions are sometimes made.



Young Hoyt soon proved himself to be a hard thrower and soon attracted attention from professional scouts.

The Baltimore Federal League team showed an interest in 1915; however, the parents objected to him leaving at fifteen, and he did not sign although he did sign with the hometown New York Giants prior to his sixteenth birthday and ended the season pitching batting practice for John McGraw's National League team.

The next season as a sixteen-year-old boy, the youth divided his time between Mt. Carmel in the Penn State League and Hartford of the Eastern League compiling impressive won-lost records of 5-1 and 4-5, respectively. Apparently his control could have been better in Connecticut as he walked forty-four batters while striking out only half that number.

Two more years in the minors saw the still teenaged hurler dividing his time between the Southern League and the International. While his won-lost record

appeared unfavorable, his earned run averages were quite good, being 3.23 during a stint at Memphis and a much stronger 2.51, 2.73, and 2.10 at the other locales.

In between longer service at Nashville and Newark in 1918, the eighteen-year-old Hoyt made his major league debut on July 24, 1918, pitching one inning for the Giants and giving up no hits and striking out two batters.

The Giants subsequently traded Hoyt to Rochester of the International League, but he refused to report and not being under contract to them, instead started 1919 pitching for the independent Baltimore Drydocks.

This made him a virtual "free agent," and in mid-season he signed with the Boston Red Sox with the stipulation that he be allowed to start a game within four days. Manager Ed Barrow thought this was a "fresh" demand for a teenager, but he honored it, and Hoyt soon started a game against Detroit and beat them 2-1 in twelve innings. Waite went 4-6 that year and 6-6 in 1920.

On December 15, 1920, the now twenty-one-year-old hurler was traded to the New York Yankees as part of an eight player deal, and his climb to baseball greatness really began.

Waite Hoyt spent nearly a full decade with the Bronx Bombers and made most of his major achievements with that club. Having the advantage of a strong team behind him, Hoyt, along with such noted figures as Herb Pennock and Carl Mays (both Masons), managed to be on six pennant-winning teams in that period and to compile an enviable World Series record of 6-3, pitching 27 innings in the 1921 post season game without giving up an earned run. (He did give up two unearned runs in the final game, suffering a heartbreaking loss.) He also had several strong seasons in

this period as well, winning an excess of twenty games in two seasons (1927 and 1928) and nineteen in two other seasons (1921 and 1922). Over his nine full seasons with the club, he averaged seventeen wins per season. Should anyone be surprised that he once quipped, "The secret of success is to play for the New York Yankees."

During the course of his 1927 season when the Yankees had perhaps the greatest team in the game's history, Waite Hoyt also became a Mason in Kings County Lodge No. 511 in his native Brooklyn. Taking his degrees over the course of the season, he was initiated an Entered Apprentice on April 19, 1927 (a day when Bob Shawkey took a 1-0 loss to the Red

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Other Masons on that team included center fielder, Earl Combs, and left-handed pitcher, Herb Pennock.

Brother Hoyt apparently became a member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon

as he was so pictured in a charity game they sponsored, and on October 18, 1929, Hoyt affiliated with Larchmont Lodge No. 1030 and demitted from Kings County eleven days later.

After going 22–7 in that fabulous year, Hoyt did as well in 1928 going 23–7. In three World Series appearances in those great seasons, he won three games. In 1929, however, he experienced an off-year going 10–9 while the Yankees lost the pennant to a resurging Philadelphia team. In addition, Miller Huggins died near the season's end, and on May 30, 1930, Waite Hoyt and shortstop Mark Koenig were traded to the Detroit Tigers.

In the Motor City he recovered some of his older skills, going 9–8 for the remainder of the season, but his ERA jumped to 4.73. After starting off even worse in 1931, the once superb hurler compiled a 3–8 record, and the Tigers placed him on waivers in June.

Connie Mack hoped that the one-time "Schoolboy" could help the Athletics, who were in the thick of another pennant race, and his hunch proved correct. Waite went 10–5 in the remainder of 1931, but he lost the fifth game of the World Series 5–1 for his final appearance in the Fall Classic.

Mack would have signed Hoyt again in 1932, but he agreed instead to give the veteran pitcher his release so he could sign with his hometown team, the Dodgers. That proved to be a mistake, and in mid-season he went to the Giants.

Overall his 1932 record was 6–10, and his ERA was 4.35. In many respects it was the low point of his career as he had posted at least ten victories in every season since first coming to the Yankees in December 1920.

In a retrospective interview in 1976, the Hall of Fame pitcher credited this weak performance to domestic difficul-

ties. In the summer of 1931, Hoyt testified in a divorce case on behalf of his former Yankee teammate, "Jumping Joe" Dugan. Waite's wife, Dorothy Pyle Hoyt, testified for Mrs. Dugan and not long after went to Reno to establish a Nevada residence herself. On May 12, 1933, Waite, who had signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates a few months earlier, married again to Ellen Burbank.

It may have been a more stable home life that did it, but whatever, Hoyt found himself again in Pittsburgh. In four full seasons and part of another with the Bucs, Brother Hoyt recovered part of his old form and proved himself an effective spot-starter and reliever. His best year with the Pirates was 1934 when he went 15–6 with a 2.92 ERA. In all, his days in Pittsburgh show his win-loss totals at 35–31, hardly up to his old form, but respectable.

Released by the Pirates in June 1937, the Dodgers again signed him, and he went 7–7 in 38 appearances, posting a 3.23 ERA; however, after a half dozen ineffective appearances in 1938 with three losses and no victories, the now thirty-eight-year-old, aging "Schoolboy" hung up his glove for major league play, but pitched in several games for the semi-pro Brooklyn Bushwicks. In all, his major league pitching record was 237–182 with a 3.59 ERA. In addition, he went 6–4 in World Series' play with a 1.81 ERA.

Waite Hoyt had several experiences with show business having once toured with a vaudeville act in the off-season, but he had also hosted a short term radio program as early as 1937. He decided to opt for a future in radio.

He hosted a variety of pre- and post-game shows in New York until January 1942, when the Burger Brewing Company of Cincinnati hired him to be a play-by-play announcer for Reds' games. From 1948 through 1954, those Reds'

games that were televised also had the advantage of Hoyt's announcing work. He remained at this position for 24 years becoming a favorite with fans: in addition to his fine coverage of the games, he was virtually unparalleled in being able to draw on his years of experience and discuss them during rain delays.

In the winter months, Hoyt often had a television sports' program, *The Waite Hoyt Hall of Fame*, in which he interviewed various celebrity athletes including Rio Grande College basketball legend, Bevo Francis.

In the early sixties, a long-play album of his stories, titled *The Best of Waite Hoyt in the Rain*, was released and eagerly sold to his many fans. Hoyt was especially in prime form in discussing his many experiences with the legendary, Babe Ruth, his teammate on the great Yankee assemblages of the roaring twenties. In fact, he also proved a valuable oral source to both amateur and professional baseball historians. In fact, Frank Graham, who wrote *The New York Yankees*, in 1943 is supposed to have shared his royalties with Hoyt, who contributed most of the information on the 1921-1930 era. He also contributed to other works of baseball history as a source of information including the lengthy introduction to G. H. Fleming's *Murderer's Row: The 1927 New York Yankees* (1985), which he completed only a few months before his own death in 1984.

Waite Hoyt retired after the 1965 season because Burger Brewing lost the radio broadcasting franchise. (In those days, the broadcasters were employed by the sponsors; today they are employed by the ball club.) However, in 1972 he came back as co-announcer on the telecasts and then retired for good. Nevertheless, he continued to be well known in the Cincinnati area.

According to Sir Knight Norman Lincoln of Eaton, Ohio, he never charged for his

services when he spoke to Masonic groups, which is ironic because according to the records of the Grand Lodge of New York, he had been suspended for non-payment of dues on November 19, 1935. (Does anyone know if he held later lodge membership in another state?)

Elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969, Hoyt later served on the Veteran's Committee for Hall of Fame selection. He remained an honored statesman of the game until his death in Cincinnati on August 25, 1984. The Brooklynite had been a resident of the Queen City for half of his life.

Note: The best source of information on Waite Hoyt is the interview in Eugene C. Murdock's *Baseball Between the Wars* (Meckler, 1992), pp. 23-62, as well as Frank Graham's *The New York Yankees* (Putnam, 1943) and G. H. Fleming's *Murderer's Row* (Morrow, 1985). Thanks also to the staff at the Grand Lodge of New York and to Sir Knight Norman Lincoln of Eaton, Ohio, and Sir Knight Peter Westbere of Guelph, Ontario, for pictures.

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Waite Hoyt, Reds' Announcer, Station WSAI—1957

Sir John Johnson: The Last Provincial Grand Master of New York

by Dr. Stephen R. Greenberg, KYCH, 33°

Provincial Masonry in pre-Revolutionary, colonial America was governed by orders issued from the Grand Lodge of England. Beginning in 1730 four Provincial Grand Masters received their appointments to this high office: Daniel Coxe, in 1730, was the first so honored; Richard Riggs succeeded him in 1737; and Francis Goelet was appointed in 1751.

This office carried extensive powers. It granted the authority to establish lodges in New York and elsewhere in this new land.

There is no record, however, that either of the first two Provincial Grand Masters acted upon their commission.

Francis Goelet, though, in 1751 convened a Grand Lodge in New York City on St. John the Evangelist's Day when his successor, George Harrison, was installed with proper ceremony.

This Provincial Grand Master presided over the Craft in New York for a period of 18 years, and during his tenure, he established Masonic lodges in the city of New York and in towns along the Hudson River. He, also, granted warrants for lodges in Connecticut, New Jersey, and at Detroit.

One lodge which he chartered was located at Caughnawaga, New York. It was St. Patrick's Lodge founded on May 23, 1766.

Its first Master was Sir William Johnson, who was born in Ireland in 1714. He inherited his title from his uncle, Sir Peter Warren, a naval commander who had distinguished himself during the siege at Louisberg in 1745.

Sir John Johnson was born in 1742 at Johnstown, New York. His father, Sir William Johnson, was now a respected landholder and a Freemason.

In his early years, Sir John Johnson, bearing the credentials from his father, was sent to London for his upbringing. He was educated in English schools, and in 1767 he returned to America.

Having previously received the three Symbolic degrees in Royal Lodge at St. James in London and having made a favorable impression upon the fraternity, he was granted a commission as the Provincial Grand Master of New York.

Upon his initial visit to St. Patrick's Lodge in New York City, the lodge where his father served as its first Worshipful Master; the lodge records indicate that Sir John was warmly welcomed. The minutes further state that "Lord Blaney, the Grand Master of England, granted a warrant appointing him as Provincial Grand Master of New York. He was congratulated by the members present."

Sir John Johnson was appointed to this high office in 1767. Only scant records exist reflecting the activities of the Provincial Grand Master during his tenure, and it is not known how many lodges existed in his jurisdiction.

It is recorded that St. George's Lodge at Schenectady, New York, was chartered by him on December 13, 1774.

New York, at this time, embraced the far-reaching territory that included a large part of southern Canada, westward to Detroit and even the state of Vermont.

Although no valid records exist concerning the activities of the Grand Lodge of New York under the stewardship of Sir John Johnson, it is known that Peter Middleton was his Deputy, first authority on the course of the Revolutionary War.

Sir John Johnson, by his adherence to the royal interests, was compelled to flee from his home and seek protection of the British army.

This man seems to have possessed little of the amiable character and winning ways of his father. As the storms of war were gathering on the horizon and conflict appeared to be an ever-increasing possibility, Sir John continued to devote his energies entirely to the interests of Britain.

Such a course embittered him to his neighbors along the Mohawk River, nor did his malignant influence stop here. He infused the same malodorous spirit into the minds of the many Indian tribes throughout the region. He soon became the leader of a band of Tories in central New York State.

He was commissioned a colonel in the British army and was put in charge of a bloody band of savages and outlaws, who exacted much mayhem across the region.

His Tory efforts were not properly rewarded, it would seem: The princely estate he had inherited at the start of the Revolution was confiscated, and many of his personal effects including the family Bible, that had belonged to his father, were sold at public auction.

A messenger later came from Sir John Johnson to the man who had purchased this sacred book demanding its return for the sum of four guineas. The messenger was sent back with a curt note and the requested payment. The note said simply: "Here are four guineas—give me the book!"

After the war had ended, Sir John Johnson returned to England leaving behind all of his fraternal attachments.

He subsequently settled in Canada in 1784. Here, he held several civil offices, including that of Governor General of Canada. The British government later made him several grants of land in compensation for the loss of his property, as well as to reward his Tory service.

He was succeeded in his title by his son, Sir Adam Johnson. Following the death of Sir John Johnson, the office of Provincial Grand Master existing under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of England came to an end.

After the close of the Revolution, the Masonic lodges already in existence on these shores, having proposed, unsuccessfully, the creation of a National Grand Lodge, were organized into state-centered Grand Lodges, each governed by a Grand Master duly elected by the Brethren residing in that jurisdiction. Such proceedings formally terminated the dominance in North America of English Freemasonry, a situation which has continued to this day.



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On the Masonic Newsfront

NEWS FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Presentation of Scholarship Grant to Kristen Staley

Sir Knight Charles A. Garnes, H.P.D.C., presented a scholarship grant to Ms. Kristen Staley, an employee at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, Pennsylvania. The scholarship was given by the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Commandery. Interested students in Pennsylvania may request applications (printed from the website at www.pagrandcommandery.org). Other states also have this educational program, so anyone interested should contact their Grand Recorders.



**At Left
Twenty-three Knighted on
May 17, 2008, in Erie
Pennsylvania**



**Below
Knights Templar of PA
Attend a Divine Service**

Sunday, May 4, 2008, Sir Knights from Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 started the new Templar year by attending a Divine Service at Brentwood Presbyterian Church, followed by a luncheon buffet. Dr. John B. Barker, pastor, delivered an inspirational message for all.



NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL ORDER OF THE BEAUCEANT

Joint Official Visit of S.W.P. Mrs. Jeanette Rife to Natick No. 209 and Pawtucket No. 217



Natick No. 209, MA, and Pawtucket No. 217, RI, welcomed the S.W.P. Rife last fall. Left to right are: front: (Mrs. Ewen) Dot Osmond; (Mrs. Russell) Adelaide Winan; (Mrs. Robert) Joyce Poyton; Mrs. Ernestine Angel, initiated and installed; Mrs. Jeanette Rife, S.W.P.; (Mrs. Duncan) Filomina Watson, S.W. 2nd V.P.; (Mrs. Robert) Jean Allen, S. Outer Guard; (Mrs. Howard) Margaret Judd; (Mrs. John) Alva

Chapin; and (Mrs. Russell) Betty Joe Adams; 2nd row: (Mrs. Frederick) Mary Lombard; (Mrs.

Larry) Allison Thienel; (Mrs. Julian) Barbara Philbrick; (Mrs. Warren) Mary Rand; (Mrs. William) Barbara Eitzroth; (Mrs. Joaquim) Esther Souto; 3rd row: (Mrs. George) Pamela Young; (Mrs. Louis) Linnea Fisher; (Mrs. David) Rosemary Small; (Mrs. Steven) Grace Smith; and (Mrs. Robert) Cynthia Winterhalter.

Official Visit of S.W.P. Mrs. Jeanette Rife to St. Louis No. 29, Missouri



The Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Rife, visited the Assembly in January 2008; there was a luncheon preceding the visit. Eight Sir Knights of DeSoto Commandery No. 56 and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 also attended the luncheon. Members from Springfield No. 92 and serving as protem officers were: Mrs. Clarence Weiland, W.P., and Mrs. Kenneth Dingman, P.W.P. Members pictured below, left to right, are: front row: S.W.P. Mrs. Rife and Mrs. Stanley Dugan; second row: Mrs. Kenneth Dingman, Mrs. David Leirer, Mrs. W. Ivan McCutcheon, Mrs. James Snavely, Mrs. Albert Miller, and Mrs. Clarence Weiland; standing: Mrs. Lee Francis, Mrs. James Woodfin, Mrs. Gary Sutterfield, Mrs. Harry Reed, Jr., Mrs. Harold Richardson, and Mrs. LeRoy Unruh.

Westminster No. 245, Westminster, MD, Holds Its Annual Installation



Above left at the installation are: Mrs. David E. Alcon, S.M.W. Oracle and P.P. of Westminster and Elizabeth Assemblies; Mrs. J. Michael Robibins, installed as President; R.E. Grand Commander Patrick A. Curtis, Grand Commandery of MD; and Mrs. Joseph F. Chalker, S. Historian, S. Recorder Emeritus of Supreme Assembly and a P.P. of Westminster No. 245. Officers installed, right above, are: front row: Mrs. Joseph Chalker, Recorder; Mrs. David Alcon, Marshal; Mrs. Howard Roe, M.W. Oracle; Mrs. Eric Woolman, 1st V.P.; Mrs. Michael Robbins, W.P.; Mrs. Nancy Hann, 2nd V.P.; Mrs. Alton Graf, Inner Guard; Mrs. William Baldwin, Assistant Marshal; second row: Miss Anna Craig, Daughter of the Household; Mrs. Albert Grimes, Chaplain; Mrs. James Morgan, Director of Music; Mrs. Kurt Wood, Mistress of the Wardrobe; Mrs. Carl Wisner, Treasurer; Mrs. Charles Long, Outer Guard; Mrs. Jacob Yingling, Color Bearer; Mrs. Reginald Grose, Standard Bearer; and Mrs. David Rogers, Preceptress.

Marjorie Bush Honored for Service to La Crosse No. 215, WI



At left Mrs. William (Marjorie) Bush, right, is honored for 40 years as La Crosse No. 215 Director of Music. Presenting is Worthy President Mrs. Martin (Mary) Callaway at the annual Christmas observance. La Crosse is the only remaining Wisconsin Assembly, and the members take great pride in assisting La Crosse Commandery whenever needed. Majorie also serves as director of music for Bethel No. 27 Job's Daughters and organist for Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Sale of English Masonic Stein to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Produced for a Masonic Brother in Warlock, England, the stein is 7 and 1/2 inches tall, 3 and 1/4 inches at the opening, 4 and 3/4 inches at the base, and it is made of white ceramic with a pewter lid, that has a ceramic insert with a picture of the Holy Bible. The front has a very colorful Masonic scene from the King Solomon era, and on another side is an altar with the three lights of Masonry and a bible verse; the third side has a Masonic poem. Originally the bottom of the stein had the English Brother's name and address.

The cost of the stein is \$63.00, and \$5.00 of each sale will go to the KTEF. The price includes shipping and insurance. You can pay by check or money order or non-canceled US postal stamps. Please make check or money order payable to: Stanley C. Buz, and send 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. The web site for the Lodge is www.PeerLessLodge591.com



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
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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 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.

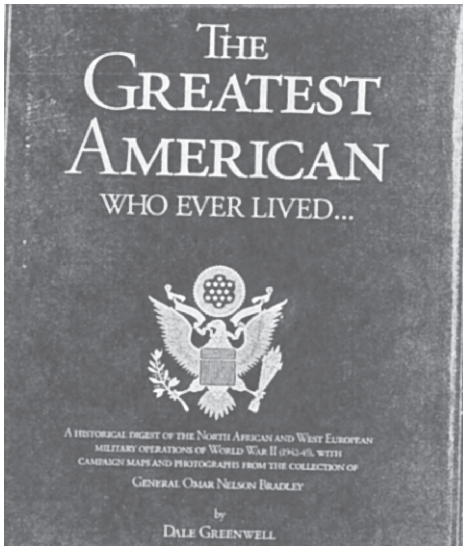


Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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
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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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