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Grand Master's 2008 Easter Message

As Knights Templar, we celebrate the Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This month brings us to a special time of the year for Christians everywhere, but more especially for Knights Templar. The lesson of immortality is the central theme of the Order of the Temple, held dear in the hearts of all of us.



Easter affords us an opportunity to reflect upon the supreme sacrifice made by Jesus Christ. We should reflect on that love and sacrifice and ask ourselves the important question, "What have we done to make the world a better place?" Whatever the answer to that question, I would remind you that our lives are always lived in the future, and if we ask ourselves every day as we arise, that very question, we will strive to provide the right answer.

I hope that you will be able to join the officers of the Grand Encampment as we celebrate Easter in Alexandria, Virginia, for the first time. The Hilton Alexandria, Mark Center is an outstanding facility, and those who attended last month's "Masonic Week" activities will tell you the rooms were beautiful, the food was excellent, and the hotel staff was most accommodating.

Our Annual Easter Observance is a wonderful event, and I'm sure you'll find it rewarding. It's a very special time when you and your fellow Templars may join together to celebrate this special day.

Wherever you spend Easter, the officers of the Grand Encampment wish for you and all those you love a Happy Easter!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William H. Koon II." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

William H. Koon II, GCT
Grand Master





Knights Templar

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

MARCH: Grand Master Koon (page 2) and the grand officers and staff of the Grand Encampment send Easter greetings to all of you. See page 4 for the Grand Recorder's update on upcoming events and materials available through the Grand Encampment office. Treat yourself to convenience by buying at the KTEF Shopping Mall; information about it is on page 9. Catch up on all the news from the 40th Campaign for KTEF, starting on page 6. There is interesting food for thought from Sir Knight and Reverend Tiner on page 13, another great article from Sir Knight Tribe on page 19, and Sir Knight Kerr wishes us all a Happy Easter with his delightful article on Springtime and Easter, page 24. There's so much more, so sit back, relax, and enjoy this new edition of your magazine.

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From the Grand Recorder's Office...

Greetings, Sir Knights:

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



EASTER 2008

Although the deadline for hotel and meal reservations has passed, you and your lady are cordially invited to attend the Grand Encampment Easter Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. The parade begins at 7:40 A.M., and the Easter Service begins at 8:00 A.M. In case of inclement weather, all Grand Encampment Easter activities will be held in the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel.

2008 DEPARTMENT CONFERENCES

The 2008 Grand Encampment Department Conferences are open to *ALL SIR KNIGHTS*, not just Grand Commandery Officers. Upcoming conferences include:

Southeastern Department Conference

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee

Robert E. Burleson, RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
Friday, June 13, 2008–Saturday, June 14, 2008Orlando, Florida

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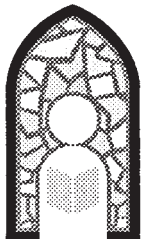
The conference room rate of \$104 (single or double) is available three days before and three days after the conference. Call (800) 627-8258 and reference "YORK RITE" for the preferred rate.

See the Grand Encampment website for additional information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence E. Tucker".

Lawrence E. Tucker, GCT
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Prelate's Chapel

Code of Chivalry

by Sir Knight M. Eugene Ellis, P.G.C. of New York

The three elements of the Chivalric Code are: Love of God, Love of Country, and Love of Womanhood. These are factors in our understanding of what is meant in being addressed as a Sir Knight in Templary.

These three elements have never wavered in the millennium in which Templary can be directly traced. The concepts, of course, are much older, and first became codified in the British Isles in the 6th century, A.D. Love of God and country are perhaps as old as the hills, as it were, but love and exaltation of womanhood is a distinctly Western European concept.

These three concepts are first recognized in the search for the Holy Grail and the time of King Arthur. In this article, Arthur, along with Charlemagne and Agamemnon, are the cohesive elements which have brought new orders into the world. They have almost become icons as well as distinct human beings. All of Western Europe have embraced the code of chivalry. Arthur, alone, embodies all of the three elements above, but all three of them have become the centrality to which their respective knight heroes demonstrate their love of the chivalric code.

This is less so in Charlemagne and Agamemnon, of course. Love of God(s) and patriotism to country are their main themes. The romance of chivalry alone belongs to King Arthur and his Round Table. All else is an imitation.

The Arthurian theme is the search for the Holy Grail which is the cup which our Lord and Savior had when presiding at the Last Supper. Each of the twelve paladins chose a lady, and he would, if successful, return to Arthur's Court and present that treasured gift to his lady. This is diametrically opposed to Eastern thought where womanhood is the servant of man, and indeed, this idea has existed in our Western world throughout much of our history, but subservience of womanhood is definitely not Arthurian nor Chivalric. To receive honor from the hand of a woman is unfathomable to Eastern thought.

The Arthurian Code of Chivalry grew larger and by the 12th century in Western Europe it was the norm. Both Charlemagne and Arthur grew in stature and became prototype world rulers in imagination if not in definite geographical boundaries. The early Celtic nature of the British Isles recognized fealty to those three chivalric elements and placed much care in assuring womanhood that it was she whom her Sir Knight would defend as he defended the Christian Faith.

So by the emergence of the troubadours in France and Spain, this code of chivalry pronounced what a knight was supposed to be. It is deeply versed in the Christian ethic.

How thrilled the candidate is when asked in the Order of Malta by the Prior: "Do you believe that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for the Salvation of the sins of the world?" That is deeply stated and repeated by the candidate. Imagine yourself before 25 or 30 Templars and you are boldly asked if you believe this. Further to the point, "Does your conscience accuse you of any crime unrepented of, which would render you unworthy of becoming a member of an Institution founded upon the Christian Religion and the practice of Christian Virtues?"

These are powerful questions put to a man in front of so many witnesses. Those who ask those questions should recognize fully what they are saying.

Templary and Christianity are deeply bonded with each other. While not being an exclusive society, we must ask these questions and know when the candidate would not be comfortable in a society that asks so much of him spiritually.

Past Grand Commander of New York State, M. Eugene Ellis, is a retired school teacher living at 227 Sherman Street, Watertown, NY 13601-3626.

R.E. Grand Prelate Robert Cave's Easter Message will be in the April 2008 issue.



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

Greetings, Sir Knights:

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

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



It is very important that the sponsoring Knight Templar read and familiarize himself with these forms so that all the necessary information is submitted and that all instructions are followed. The sponsoring Sir Knight acts as a representative of the Eye Foundation and is expected to be of assistance in the handling of the case as it becomes necessary. This may involve providing information or assistance to the applicant and occasionally contacting the doctor or hospital to gather information or to explain the purpose and policies of the Foundation. It has been our experience that most physicians and hospitals will cooperate with our Foundation, once they are made aware that we are a charitable organization supported solely by an assessment on our membership and contributions from concerned individuals and groups. Numerous pamphlets and other materials are available to Sir Knights through our office, at no cost, to assist them in explaining our Foundation to interested parties.

Upon receipt of statements from doctors and hospitals for authorized cases, we will process these statements promptly and remit our payments to the extent of our authorization for that particular case. In the event any correspondence regarding the case is necessary, the sponsoring Knight Templar will receive a copy of all letters written, as well as copies of any pertinent supporting information, so that he may be informed of any developments pertaining to the case. (END)

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

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

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

Campaign report by Grand Commanderies for KTEF Officers and Trustees for the week ending February 8, 2008. The total amount contributed to date is \$457,002.46.

Alabama	\$2,643.00
Alaska	170.00
Arizona	206.00
Arkansas	2,432.00
California	42,542.85
Colorado	1,243.00
Connecticut	1,652.00
Delaware	979.50
District of Columbia	1,670.00
Florida	3,770.31
Georgia	6,343.00
Idaho	685.00
Illinois	8,659.20
Indiana	10,248.58
Iowa	5,015.00
Kansas	2,728.29
Kentucky	9,440.93
Louisiana	5,878.23
Maine	2,594.00
Maryland	6,269.28
Mass./R.I.	3,165.00
Michigan	3,311.00

Minnesota.....	622.40
Mississippi.....	488.00
Missouri.....	1,755.00
Montana.....	2,300.00
Nebraska.....	642.50
Nevada.....	2,640.00
New Hampshire.....	132.00
New Jersey.....	12,309.75
New Mexico.....	4,912.00
New York.....	4,808.01
North Carolina.....	7,127.22
North Dakota.....	225.00
Ohio.....	39,420.00
Oklahoma.....	3,735.15
Oregon.....	106,139.05
Pennsylvania.....	20,514.00
South Carolina.....	9,733.00
South Dakota.....	590.00
Tennessee.....	4,854.47
Texas.....	30,401.33
Utah.....	7,953.00
Vermont.....	771.00
Virginia.....	17,208.25
Washington.....	2,056.00
West Virginia.....	6,478.54
Wisconsin.....	3,338.00
Wyoming.....	540.00
Hilo No. 3, Hawaii.....	30.00
Heidelberg No. 2, Germany.....	100.00
Miscellaneous.....	43,532.62

Pennsylvania Commandery the Newest Member of the Permanent Donor Fund



Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 73 of Hazelton, Pennsylvania, is the newest member of the Permanent Donor Fund. Shown receiving the Sword of Merit, left to right, are: Sir Knights Leslie J. Loomis, V.E.D.G.C.; Bryan L. Berry, R.E.G.C.; "R" Casey Jones, P.C.; and Donald W. Weaver, P.C. Any donor who wishes to

have his or her name listed as a Permanent Donor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation may donate the sum of \$10,000 or more to the Endowment Fund of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Those donors making an initial donation of \$10,000 will be presented a Golden Chalice. Those who make an initial donation of \$25,000 or more will be presented the Sword of Merit. Contact KTEF at their office in Schaumburg, Illinois, or call: (847) 490-3838 for more information.



► KTEF SHOPPING MALL

DID YOU KNOW?

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

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

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

It takes but 2 clicks to access all these locations.

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

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

Sir Knight Ebright and Ohio Ophthalmological Society Present Information on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Sir Knight Charles E. Ebright, KTCH, KTEF Representative for St. Bernard Commandery, Dover, Ohio, and Ms. Laura Rosenberg of the Ohio Ophthalmological Society share a table presenting information about the KTEF and safety eye protection for young athletes playing all types of sports. Also, the Tuscarawas Eye Center



held an eye screening day on January 19, 2008 at their Dover, Ohio, offices to educate and find persons who need cataract or glaucoma care.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following are words of thanks received by Sir Knight William P. Orr, Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee of Wichita Falls Commandery No. 59, Wichita Falls, Texas:

I do not have the adequate vocabulary to fully express my gratitude to you and the Knights Templar for your generosity in enabling me to have eye surgery. My life has changed dramatically for the better. Specifically, I have become literate in the use of a personal computer. I am now enrolled in vocational rehabilitation and anticipate finding an online occupation. My eighty-five percent hearing loss prevents me from returning to the fields of my previous careers. Thanks to the cataract surgery, I am entering new worlds.

Nocona, Texas

It has been half a year since my husband had his eye operation. You made it possible, and you will never know what that has and will always mean to us. We feel blessed to have met you and know that we will never be able to repay you. Thank you and the Eye Foundation so much. His eyes are better, he has stronger lenses, and we still follow up. You will always be in our prayers.

Wichita Falls, Texas

IN MEMORIAM



James Loran Lucas
Mississippi
Grand Commander—1995
Born: January 29, 1930
Died: December 20, 2007

Averill L. Turner
Colorado
Grand Treasurer
Born: February 2, 1932
Died: January 1, 2008

Lyle C. Johnson
Iowa
Grand Commander—1998
Born: February 25, 1932
Died: January 3, 2008

William D. Kramp
Wyoming
Grand Commander—1988
Born: June 18, 1932
Died: January 10, 2008

Burr L. Phelps
New York
Grand Commander—1979
Born: December 6, 1924
Died: January 20, 2008

Harvey G. Vreugdenhil
North Dakota
Grand Commander—2003
Born: September 20, 1944
Died: January 24, 2008





Because the theme of this poem is reminiscent of the Easter message itself, we thought it would make an appropriate and delightful addition to the Easter issue this year. The poem is by Ruth C. Kollhoff, and it was presented to Sir Knight and Reverend Harry Armitage and was sent by his son, Sir Knight David Armitage, who is a member of Aurora Commandery No. 22, Aurora, Illinois, and resides at 2513 Benton Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49008–2732.

FOREVER

by Ruth C. Kollhoff

I learn as the years roll onward
And leave the past behind,
That much I have counted sorrow
But proves our God is kind;

That many a flower I longed for
Had a hidden thorn of pain;
And many a rugged by-path
Led to fields of ripened grain.

The clouds but cover the sunshine,
They cannot banish the sun,
And the earth shines out the brighter
When the weary rain is done.

We must stand in the deepest sorrow
To see the clearest light,
And often from wrong's own darkness
Comes the very strength of right.

We must live through the weary winter
If we are to value the spring,
And the woods must be cool and silent
Before the robins sing.

The flowers must be buried in darkness
Before they can bud and bloom,
And the sweetest and warmest sunshine
Comes after the storm and gloom.

So the heart from the hardest trial
Gains the purest joy of all,
And from lips that have tasted sadness,
The sweetest songs will fall.

For as peace comes after suffering,
And love is the reward of pain,
So after earth comes heaven
And out of our loss the gain.

This article presents the author's views which are not necessarily those of the Grand Encampment or any person representing the Grand Encampment.

“Immanuel”

Another Note on Christian Doctrine

by Sir Knight and Reverend Steven G. Tiner
Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of Arkansas

“**I**MMANUEL! What a beautiful word! Important to Templar ritual, to Christians, and to Scottish Rite Masons of the 18th degree, the word means “God with us.”

We most often hear this word in the Christmas season when Isaiah 7:14 is read in vesper services worldwide. The entire verse reads: “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” This verse, as much as any other, proclaims the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

Yet some writers have suggested that the Hebrew word which is translated “virgin” in this verse, the word *almah*, should have been translated “maiden” or “young maiden.” Their point is that *almah* does not necessarily denote virginity. However, Gesenius, an outstanding scholar who has an exhaustive Hebrew lexicon, admits that the common translation of the word is “virgin,” but he says that it *could* be changed to “young woman.”

This is where the debate begins. Just what did Isaiah intend when he wrote, “*almah* shall conceive”?

A close look at the verse reveals that there is really no debate at all. Isaiah was meaning “a virgin shall conceive” exactly as the King James version renders the verse.

Let's see why. First, the word *almah* is used six other times in the Old Testament, and in each case it means a virgin. Even a casual reader would be convinced. Rebekah was called an *almah* before she married Isaac. The word is used in his prayer by the godly servant who came to find a bride for Isaac. In Song of Solomon 6:8, the word is used to differentiate certain serving girls from the concubines and queens of Solomon!

During the intertestamental period, seventy-two Hebrew scholars, six from each of the twelve tribes, worked down in Alexandria, Egypt, on the translation of the Hebrew Old Testament into the Greek language. When they came to this “sign” in Isaiah, those seventy-two men understood that it meant “virgin,” and they translated it into the Greek word *parthenos*. You remember Athena, the virgin goddess of Athens? Her temple was called the Parthenon because *parthenos* means “virgin,” so those Hebrew scholars used the word in Greek that would be undeniable for “virgin” as the equivalent to the Hebrew *almah*.

Second, Isaiah says, “Therefore the Lord himself.” This phrase clearly implies that this would be something fantastical, something unbelievable. This sign would be such as Jehovah

alone could give, something entirely out of the ordinary, that which could only be accomplished by His agency.

Third, Isaiah says, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign..." Obviously, it is no sign at all for a young woman to conceive and bear a son. If that's a sign, then right here in Arkansas a sign is taking place many times a day, every day. However, if a virgin conceives and bears a son, that, my friend, is a sign above all signs!

Fourth, Isaiah writes, "BEHOLD! a virgin shall conceive..." The word "behold" is a common one in the Old Testament used to demand attention. It was used when something unusual was about to be said. To say, "Behold a young woman shall conceive..." wouldn't make much sense. There's nothing out of the ordinary about young women conceiving. For a virgin to conceive, however, now that is reason to announce, "BEHOLD!"

I hope that these four reasons clear up any misunderstanding around the wonderful prophetic word of Isaiah 7:14. This verse clearly calls for a supernatural birth.

For all Knights Templar Christians, the virgin birth of Christ is not an optional article of our faith. It is essential to the Gospel. If Jesus was not virgin-born, He had a human father. If He had a human father, He was not God. If He was not God, the Bible is false, Jesus Himself was deluded, and we have no adequate Savior from sin.

"They shall call his name Emmanuel," quoted Matthew, "God with us." That settles the debate: The One who was brought forth into the world by the virgin Mary was God—God manifest in the flesh.

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Sir Knight and Reverend Steven G. Tiner; Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas, Prelate for the Valley of Little Rock Scottish Rite Bodies, Past Grand Orator and Past Grand Chaplain of the Arkansas Grand Lodge, and Senior Pastor of Levy Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas, is a member of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 1, Little Rock, Arkansas. The author of "Angels: God's Heavenly Beings" and "Enter His Gates," a daily devotional book, published quarterly, he resides at 16 Cliffwood Circle, North Little Rock, AR 72118.

NEW RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP JEWEL

- 637. Henry E. LaHurreau, Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4, Fort Wayne, IN. 12-13-2007.
- 638. Peter T. Zivanovich, Hammond Commandery No. 41, Highland, IN. 12-13-2007.
- 639. Anthony G. Such, Coeur d'Alene Commandery No. 5, Coeur d'Alene, ID. 1-24-2008.





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OUR TEMPLAR HERITAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

by Ned E. Dull, Most Eminent Grand Master, 1982–1985
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A.

United States Templary has existed in one form or another for going on 239 years. The first date of record for the conferring of the Order of the Temple in the North American continent is August 28, 1769, when Captain William Davis, a Past Master, received the honor. On December 11 of that same year Paul Revere was Knighted, and on May 14, 1770, General Joseph Warren received the Order of the Temple. Following is a capsule history up to approximately 1985, when the volume was first printed, of Templar years in America.

During the early years of Templary in North America, no sovereign body was formed, and no homologous unit was achieved among the fewer than 500 known Knights throughout the colonies (and later the states). But in the 1790s, after the Treaty of Paris was signed and the United States looked to the future and more friendly relations with Great Britain, Templar voices were being raised and the question of consolidation proposed.

The oldest "Encampment" for which records are extant was in Charleston, South Carolina, active in 1780 and perhaps earlier. Other Encampments were located along the Atlantic coast.

In 1797, almost 30 years after the Knighting of Paul Revere and Joseph Warren, Thomas Smith Webb, our Templar progenitor in the United States, identified a Grand Encampment in Philadelphia, an Encampment No. 1 in Philadelphia, one other Philadelphia Encampment, and others in Harrisburg, Carlisle, Stillwater, and New York City. In 1800 Knights Templar of New London, Connecticut, participated in ceremonies of eulogy for General George Washington, and history records conferral of the Orders in the same year in Philadelphia and New York.

An Encampment of Knights of the Red Cross was organized in Boston in 1801. In 1802 an Encampment of Knights Templar was organized in Providence, Rhode Island. In succeeding years, new Encampments were formed in Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and other southern and northeastern states.

Knight Templary in the United States first became a supreme body in 1816. It was called the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, and its first meeting in Philadelphia was unsuccessful. The delegates then met in New York on June 20 and 21, 1816, when representatives from "eight Councils and Encampments of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders" met to adopt a Constitution and to elect officers to serve until the next meeting in 1819. DeWitt Clinton (former U.S. Senator and at that time Mayor of New York) was elected General Grand Master and was given sovereign control of Templary in the United States.

According to Dr. Francis J. Scully, Chairman of the Committee on Templar History of the Grand Encampment in 1952 and the man who compiled the accepted history of our Order, this was a "Period of Organization." Between 1816 and 1832 the powers and authority of the Grand Encampment were recognized. There were, of course, a few Encampments who remained at first outside the General Grand Encampment, but as the new supreme body grew, these lessened and eventually sought and obtained membership in one sovereign body.

The Constitution adopted in 1816 called for a meeting of the General Grand Encampment every seven years. In 1819, however, the second Conclave assembled on September 16, and a resolution to amend the Constitution and change the time between meetings from seven to three years was introduced and laid aside until the next Conclave, set for September, 1826. At the third meeting in 1826, the Triennial Conclaves were established.

The years 1832–1835 Scully calls the "Period of Anti-Masonic Activity." William Morgan disappeared soon after the publication of his *Exposition of Masonry* in 1826, and this disappearance—blamed on the Freemasons—constituted one of the major controversies of the day.

But other things were happening in the young country. The year was 1827. On July 4, only one year earlier, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, second and third presidents of the United States, had died on the 50th anniversary of America's birth. We had only recently finished our

second war with Great Britain, and President Monroe, in his annual message to Congress in 1823, had declared that the Western Hemisphere was no longer open to colonization by European powers. His Doctrine—America for Americans—helped place the United States alongside the European countries, and there began a far-reaching sense of nationalism—a developing pride in the young country which was daily exhibiting its right to be ranked with the old world.

No new Grand Encampments were formed between 1827 and 1843. For a long time following the Morgan affair, Freemasons were fearful of their lives should they attempt to attend Lodge or any Masonic meeting. In fact, a number of Grand Encampments lay dormant during this period.

At the fifth Conclave of the General Grand Encampment held November 29, 1832, only 14 Knights were present. However, in that same year, Andrew Jackson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was elected president, and the Anti-Masonic Party knew that it had failed. A later Grand Master, looking back over these tempestuous days, spoke for all of Masonry when he said, "the agony was over—the nation had repudiated anti-Masonry and had elected as President, Andrew Jackson, an acknowledged, outspoken, well-known Freemason."

From 1835 to 1856 Masonry in general and Templary in particular witnessed a "Period of Expansion." The West opened up to settlers, and it was inevitable that it would also be opened to the influence of Masonry. By 1853 Templary had reached California—had spanned the entire continent. The supremacy of the General Grand Encampment was settled as the sole governing body of Knights Templar in the United States. By 1856 membership had increased to the startling figure of 4,710 souls, as opposed to 500 members 40 years earlier.

Then in 1856 came the "Period of Revision," and Grand Master William Blackstone Hubbard. Under Hubbard the Constitution was revised. This revision did not reject the original Constitution, says Scully—"All the main prerogatives and powers under which it had been acting were retained. The revision, while maintaining the authority and power of the officers, set forth more clearly their limits and application. There were other changes, though the ones most readily observed were the changes in the names of the Grand Bodies and their officers." The General Grand Encampment was now to be known as the Grand Encampment, the State Grand Encampments as Grand Commanderies, and subordinate Encampments as Commanderies.

From 1862 to 1874 was the "Period of Civil Strife and Reconstruction." This time it was the Civil War pitting brother against brother, but the Craft was in less danger of dissolution than the republic.

1877, and the country had survived its family feud. Thomas Edison was busy in his workshop perfecting the electric light, and the scars across the nation were healing. A new period of growth took place from 1874 to 1916.

In 1916 at the Grand Encampment's centenary celebration, the "Period of Maturity," as Scully calls it, began. And for the last many years Templary has achieved a place of respect along with the other major branches of Masonry in the world. It is especially important to note that this Christian Order has never succumbed to momentary deprecating influences but has continued to maintain its sovereign rank and status.

Of course, the Grand Encampment has had its peaks and valleys. From 1816 to 1877 membership increased steadily; in 1877 there was a momentary and slight decline. But this was immediately reversed and a steady rise continued unabated for 50 years. Membership took a considerable leap in the post World War I years, reaching its highest in 1927 when the membership totaled 453,836. It then declined during the Great Depression, tallying 219,368 in 1943. Again the post World War II years brought a new impetus to the membership rolls which once again increased continuously until 1960 when 398,564 members were listed on the annual returns. Since 1960, Templary has experienced a decrease.

One of the great highlights in our more recent history was the sesquicentennial of the Grand Encampment at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City during June of 1966. The former Secretary of the Army, former Secretary of Defense and former Governor of Michigan, Wilber M. Brucker, was Grand Master during this observance. It was attended by thousands of Templars from all parts of the country and beyond. The General Chairman for this 150th celebration was C. Byron Lear, Past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Encampment and those who have served as its Grand Masters have created and perfected a tradition for the generations of Templar Sir Knights to come. Perhaps Masonry and Templary will continue because they *must* continue. Because as long as there are men who believe in the Trinity and who see and are willing to correct the problems in the world, Templary and all of Freemasonry will proceed.

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■ For sale: custom hitch receiver covers for your 1 and 1/4 inch or 2-inch Reese style trailer, camper, or boat hitches. They are made out of aluminum and are powder coat painted. Chapter, Council, Commandery, and KYCH are \$35.00 each, shipping included. Custom orders are also welcome. **10% going to KTEF and 10% going to Lancaster, OH No. 2.** Aaron Wymer, 7270 Lake Road, N.E.; Pleasantville, OH 43148; cell (740) 215-9656; e-mail aaron269@verizon.net

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

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■ 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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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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Brother Ernest Shackleton: Antarctic Explorer and Survivor

by Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, KCT, KYCH, 33°

In past generations, Americans and Europeans generally held polar explorers in high esteem. Those who endured great hardship won wide acclaim for their achievements, sometimes giving their lives in the process of their quest for fame. Among those who devoted their energies to such endeavors were a number of Masons, both American and British including Nathaniel Palmer, Elisha Kent Kane, Robert Peary, Robert Falcon Scott, Admiral Richard E. Byrd, and the subject of the following sketch, Sir Ernest Shackleton. While he discovered neither the North nor the South Pole, his exploits in the Antarctic rank as some of the major accomplishments of the age, particularly his 1914–1916 expedition where his name and character became virtually synonymous with the ship, *Endurance*, that bore him and his men to the far south.

Ernest Henry Shackleton was born at Kildea in County Kildare, Ireland, of a farmer-physician father, whose ancestors hailed originally from Yorkshire, England, and an Irish mother. In 1884 the Shackletons moved to suburban London. In 1887 young Ernest became a student at Dulwich College. He seems to have been somewhat indifferent to academics, and his teachers held him up as an example only after he became famous. Shackleton dropped out of school in 1890 and joined the Merchant Navy, making his first voyage from Liverpool to Valparaiso, Chile, aboard the *Hoghton Tower*. He made other journeys in the next few years, becoming certified as a First Mate in 1896 and as a Master two years later. Somewhat later, he gained commission as a lieu-



tenant in the Royal Naval Reserve. During this time, he served on two voyages that transported soldiers and supplies to Cape Town in the Boer War. That 1890 trip around Cape Horn always stuck in his mind and whetted his sense of adventure. He later told a journalist that “I felt strangely drawn to the mysterious south.”

Ernest Shackleton’s pathway to international fame and “the mysterious south” began when he joined the *Discovery* expedition organized by the Royal Geographical Society and led by Robert Falcon Scott, a navy officer and member of Drury Lane Lodge 2127 in London. In fact, prior to the group’s departure, Shackleton took his Entered Apprentice degree on July 9, 1901, in Navy Lodge No. 2612, also in London. Several years would pass before he took additional Masonic work.

Antarctic expeditions were a dangerous business. A legend concerning the *Discovery* voyage is that a 1901 recruiting advertisement in the *Times of London* read, “Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages. Bitter cold. Long months of winter. Constant danger. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in case of

success." The trip of 1901–1902 fulfilled many of these promises, although most members survived. While Scott, Shackleton, and a Dr. Edward Wilson journeyed overland to a new record of 82°17'S latitude on December 31, 1902, they were still 463 nautical miles from the South Pole. Ernest became seriously ill with scurvy, and Scott had him sent back home. Back in England Shackleton married Emily Dorman on April 9, 1904. Emily had been a friend of Ernest's sister that he had first met in 1897 after returning from a sea voyage to Japan. The marriage would result in three children; Raymond, Edward and Cecil; but would be characterized by long separations in which Emily often had to support herself and the children. Hoping to return to the Antarctic, Shackleton worked for *Royal Magazine* as a journalist and Secretary of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. The following year, the thirty-one-year-old explorer made an unsuccessful attempt for political office "standing" for a seat in the House of Commons from Dundee, Scotland. Soon after he began to work at securing financial support for another trip to the "far South." Much of the monetary help Shackleton needed was provided by a Glasgow industrialist named William Beardmore. A grateful Shackleton would subsequently name a newly discovered mountain range and glacier after his chief benefactor.

This journey, which commenced in August 1907, would become known to history as "the *Nimrod Expedition*" and provide Ernest Shackleton the "honour and recognition" he had so desperately sought. New innovations used by these explorers included the use of an automobile and Manchurian ponies as beasts of burden, but they proved of limited value. The leader's three goals included the exploration of that portion of Antarctica known as King Edward VII Land, reaching the South Pole, and reaching the

Magnetic South Pole. All of the objectives were accomplished except for that of reaching the South Pole. Since Shackleton divided them into three groups, the trio of Douglas Mawson, Edgeworth David, and A. F. Mackay reached the Magnetic Pole in January 1909, enduring considerable hardship in the process. The exploratory group among other things ascended Mt. Erebus, the active volcano on Ross Island.

Shackleton's group included Frank Wild, Eric Marshall, and Jameson Adams. On their unsuccessful quest to reach the pole the foursome managed to cross the Trans-Antarctic mountain range and became the first humans to set foot on the South Polar Plateau. Stretched almost to the breaking point, they reached 88°23'S latitude on January 9, 1909, a new record but still 97 miles short of the pole. Fearing death and disaster if they tried to go further, they wisely returned to their base. Returning to England, they were, nonetheless, treated like heroes for their valiant effort. Shackleton was knighted for his efforts and basked in the glory of having led a party farther south than anyone had ever gone. His book, *The Heart of the Antarctic*, won him further acclaim. Of his failure to reach his main goal, he is said to have philosophically remarked, "Better a live donkey than a dead lion." He received additional Masonic light, being passed to Fellowcraft on November 2, 1911, and raised a Master Mason on May 30, 1913, both in Guild of Freeman Lodge No. 3525. According to a very well researched article by Leon Zeldis, Shackleton remained a member of both Guild of Freeman Lodge and Navy Lodge for the rest of his life.

During these years back in England, other polar explorers reached the long sought destination of 90°S. The

Norwegian Roald Amundson arrived late in 1911, followed five weeks later on January 18, 1912, by Shackleton's sometimes friend, sometimes rival, Brother Robert Falcon Scott, who unfortunately perished with his companions on the return back to his base. Shackleton now sought a new goal crossing the southern continent from the Weddell Sea to the Ross Sea. Seeking new financial supporters, he found three in the persons of Sir James Caird, a well-to-do jute manufacturing tycoon and member of Parliament; Dudley Docker; and Stancomb Wills. All three had lifeboats named in their honor. The principal ship was the well-named *Endurance*. By now Greenland sled dogs had been established as the most successful animal companions for Antarctic exploration, and English schoolchildren were said to have raised the money to buy and train them with participating schools getting a dog named for their school. A second ship, the *Aurora*, would meet Shackleton on the Ross Sea side of the continent. World War I was just starting in early August 1914 as the twenty-eight voyagers prepared to depart England, but Winston Churchill, first Lord of the Admiralty, told Shackleton to "proceed" as he had originally planned.

The *Endurance* reached the Weddell Sea in January 1915, after an earlier two-day stop at the whaling station on the island of South Georgia. The weather in 1914 was exceptionally cold in the Antarctic, and by January 18, 1915, the ship was surrounded by ice floes and soon became trapped, frozen into an ice floe at 76°34'S. Under normal condition they were only a one-day journey from their proposed land base at Vahsel Bay. For 281 days this situation continued, although the ice floe shifted several hundred miles in the process. The men occupied themselves with a variety of work

and activities initially supplementing their food supply with seal and penguin. But then in September conditions became worse. Temperatures became colder, and the water beneath the ship began to freeze and on October 23 crushed it "beyond all hope of ever being righted," but as Shackleton further noted in his journal, their supplies were saved and "we are alive and well, and we have stores and equipment for the task that lies before us." The task before them had now become survival. Against overwhelming odds, they succeeded.

The immediate goal of Shackleton and his men was to reach Paulet Island, some 346 miles away where they knew that a cache of supplies existed that had been left by a 1902 expedition (frozen food preservation did have some positives in Antarctic trips). They also had three lifeboats which they could drag across the ice and use in the chilly waters whenever they had the opportunity. After considerable hardships and near brushes with death, the weary sojourners reached Elephant Island in the South Shetlands on April 12, 1916. They had made land on a barren island, but real safety still eluded them. Shackleton decided that he and five others would take the largest life boat, the *James Caird*, and attempt to reach the whaling station on South Georgia, an 800-mile journey.

Brother Frank Wild, the second in command and an Australian, would remain behind with the others with instructions to move to Deception Island if Shackleton had not returned by a certain date. After seventeen days and surviving storms in an open boat, the *James Caird* made landing but some 130 miles by sea from the whaling station, so he and two others went over the rocky hillside of South Georgia to the station and a rescue party soon went out and picked up the other three. Relieving

those twenty-two men back on Elephant Island still remained a daunting task. Chartering a small whaler from South Georgia proved impossible as Elephant Island was now blocked by ice floes and the rescue ship could only get within seventy miles of the men. Shackleton then went to Port Stanley in the Falklands and appealed for help, but his only immediate offer for aid came from Uruguay, which sent out a small fishing ship, but it, too, was forced to turn back thirty miles from its destination. Journeying now to Punta Arenas, Chile, a third rescue effort via the *Emma* had to turn back when that ship was damaged by an iceberg. Finally, a fourth attempt to reach Elephant Island on a ship called the *Yelcho*, under the command of a Chilean navy officer and Mason named Luis Pardo (of Aurora Lodge No. 6 in Valparaiso) managed to reach the island on August 30, 1916, and rescue the castaways, who had survived their own share of hardships—including one pair of amputated toes—for 105 days on the island and were down to their last four days of food rations. Back in Punta Arenas, on September 4, the outside world, that had heard nothing of the Shackleton Expedition since October 1914, soon learned of their incredible but successful struggle in that all members of the party had survived.

Shackleton's new goal was to learn the fate of the *Aurora* and its crew that was to meet him on the Ross Sea side of Antarctica. However, first he, together with Brothers Luis Pardo, Frank Wild, and Dr. A. Mcllroy, the ship surgeon, and the other Mason on the expedition were honored on September 30, 1916, at a special meeting of Lodge of Harmony No. 1411 under English charter in Valparaiso. Shackleton was escorted to the East and honored for his achievements. Some 44 members and

85 visitors from other English speaking and Chilean lodges attended this historic meeting. Brother Luis Pardo, the Chilean connection in the historic rescue, was promoted by the navy for his heroic efforts and eventually spent four years in Liverpool, England, as a Consul, dying in 1935.

Leaving Chile for New Zealand, Ernest Shackleton learned in December 1916 that many of the personnel from the *Aurora* expedition were stranded in the Ross Sea region. This group was not so lucky as those who had sailed on the *Endurance* as all of this party did not survive. Nonetheless, the intrepid leader did what he could, and to make a long story short, the survivors were on their way to Wellington by February 1917. By May Shackleton was back in England, and World War I continued to rage.

With his health increasingly shaky, the adventurous explorer still hoped to get into military action but was instead sent on a diplomatic mission to South America in hopes of persuading Argentina and Chile to abandon neutrality and join the allies. This proved an utter failure. Shackleton then became involved in an effort to establish a British presence on the Island of Spitzbergen, a property of neutral Norway. His Masonic Brothers from the *Endurance*, Frank Wild and Dr. Mcllroy, were also in on the plan. In the Norwegian town of Tromso, Shackleton experienced what Mcllroy assumed was a heart attack, but "the Boss" would not undress so his physician friend could examine him. Nonetheless, he had to return to London, and Wild took over the expedition. It was Shackleton's first trip north of the Arctic circle. He soon returned in October 1918, however, as part of a British force bound for Murmansk, where he held the position of "Staff Officer in Charge of Arctic Equipment," a glorified term for store-

keeper. Three weeks after his arrival in Murmansk, the Great War ended, and the Allies were now in opposition to the Bolsheviks who were trying to solidify their control of Russia. In a letter to home, Shackleton had some prophetic and astute comments about the evils of bolshevism, but he was drinking heavily, and his health continued to decline. By March 1919 he was back in London and demobilized after five months of service. Although hoping for another polar expedition, the symbol of British endurance was now virtually broken financially and lecturing twice a day about the *Endurance* Expedition. His last book, simply titled *South: The Story of Shackleton's Last Expedition* (1919) sold well, but he had signed over royalties to pay debts.

Despite his deteriorating health, Shackleton still planned a return to Antarctica; this time his goal was to circumnavigate the continent. A wealthy old friend from school days, John Q. Rowett, came forth with finances. Several veterans from earlier journeys joined him, and a ship renamed the *Quest* was outfitted for the journey. They left England on September 17, 1921, but the ship was not a good one and had to be repaired en-route more than once. The leader was also frequently ill. The *Quest* reached South Georgia on January 4, 1922. Later that night the noted explorer—old before his time—had another heart attack and died in the early morning hours on the 5th. Comrades were transporting his remains back to England, but when his widow got the news, she asked that his body be returned to South Georgia. She wrote that “His spirit had no place in England...if he had a home on earth, it must be among the mystic crags and glaciers of the island in the Southern Ocean which had meant so much to him.” Receiving the word at Montevideo, Uruguay, they returned him to South Georgia where he lies in the cemetery at the whaling station at Grytviken.

In his day Shackleton was celebrated as one the great explorers of the age. Largely forgotten for a time, interest in his exploits revived a few years ago when documentary films about his adventures revived interest in the man. Although he never discovered the South Pole, he did contribute much knowledge of Antarctica through his expeditions. His cool leadership in the face of the adversity encountered during the *Endurance* episode revealed an extraordinary talent for “grace under pressure.” Members of the fraternity worldwide can take pride in the determination and skill that Brother Ernest Shackleton exhibited during his lifetime.

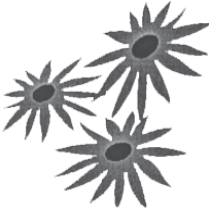


Further reading: Books about Shackleton are numerous. The most detailed is Roland Huntford's *Shackleton* (1996), while Caroline Alexander's *The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition* (1998) is also quite good. His own accounts have been reprinted. Internet searchers can benefit from the biography at <http://www.south-pole.com>. Of particular interest to Masons is Leon Zeldis' "Sir Ernest Shackleton and Luis Pardo: Two Masons Joined by Fate and Heroism" at the Freemasonry in Israel website. His Masonic record is also on the website of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and the Yukon.

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Springtime

by Sir Knight Donald Craig Kerr
Pastor Emeritus



Easter is happiness. This year it is near the first day of spring.

Springtime is the emergence of beauty and hope. It is the time when nature shows signs of growth. Everyone likes to see something new, and "Spring is God's way of saying, 'One more time!'"—so said Robert Orben.

Easter sets before us a new world. It tells us we belong to a tradition that allows us to believe that there is more to life than we can know or see. We are the heirs of immortal hope, clinging to the belief there is more than despair, deceit, betrayal, and injustice.

In the resurrection of life is the thought that God overcomes the darkness and the agony and can transform fear into confidence and reassurance.

God's love is so supreme and overpowering: It bursts upon a bonded people of Israel and sets them free for a

new adventure. It enters the soul of a man from Nazareth and turns a cross into a crown of victory and conquest.

Who knows how to measure love? The Mississippi River is 2,486 miles long; the Missouri River is 2,945 miles; the Amazon is 3,900 miles; the Nile is 4,000 miles. These rivers flow beside long and tireless shores, winding their way in ceaseless motion to their destinies. The love of God is like those rivers, reaching from shore to shore through endless ages, linking our fragmentary lives to the vast, eternal resources of infinity.

In his book, *The Art of Loving*, Eric Fromm says the happy person is one who has an inner sense of creativity. Springtime gives us that feeling of creativity, which is the essence of this Easter-time.

May the remembrance of this hallowed season bring joy and happiness and hope to our lives! God bless us!

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Florida Sir Knight Wins Handmade, One-of-a-Kind, Masonic Quilt



Some time ago *Knight Templar* ran an announcement of a raffle of a Masonic quilt, shown left, by Sherwood Lodge No. 421 of Michigan. We have received word of the winner.

Sir Knight Daniel A. Gastineau writes: "Sir Knight Kent Stoneman, 5200 N.E. 24th Terrace, Apt. 208, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308, was the winner. He resides 6 months in Florida and 6 months in Barre Town, Vermont. He is a Past Master of Granite Lodge No. 35, a District Deputy Grand Master in 1992 and 1993, and is a member of the Scottish Rite, the Shrine, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is a very active Brother in all

our fraternities. We don't feel there could be a more deserving winner!"

On the Masonic Newsfront

LA CROSSE COMMANDERY, WISCONSIN, KNIGHTS TWO



La Crosse Commandery's two newest Sir Knights, Bruce Klubertanz on left and Jesse Chariton on right, flank Sir Knight Lawrence Catellier, R.E.G.C. of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin, at the Commandery's annual Homecoming and Inspection. This year's event was a joint inspection with Eau Claire No. 8 and Tancred No. 27 Commanderies. In addition to R.E.G.C. Catellier, the

Commanderies were pleased to have five Past Grand Commanders of Wisconsin participating: Sir Knights Joseph Horton, 1977; Harley Hogstrom, 1983; Burnell Roble, 1993; Frank Vreeland, 2000; and Fred Roycraft, 2006.

Following a great afternoon of Order conferral, Templar tactics, and fraternal fellowship; the day concluded with a delicious banquet prepared and served by the ladies of La Crosse Commandery Auxiliary. (submitted by Sir Knight Martin Callaway, Recorder of La Crosse Commandery)

MASSACHUSETTS SIR KNIGHT HONORED BY THE TENNIS HALL OF FAME

On October 20, 2007, at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Knights Templar, which was held in Hyannis, Massachusetts; Sir Knight Russell Hayward Adams, a 40-year member of Metro-North Commandery No. 20, Melrose, Massachusetts, was honored with the Knight Commander of the Temple award. In the picture Sir Knight John M. Lewis (right), Right Eminent



Department Commader, Northeastern Department of the Grand Encampment, presents the award, as Lady Betty Joe Adams looks on.

On July 14, 2007, Sir Knight Adams was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, Rhode Island, along with "Pete" Sampras, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, and Sven Davidson.

Sir Knight Adams has spent the last 50 years visually documenting the history of tennis. He has photographed the Grand Slam Tournaments and all → → → →

tournaments around the world including Fed Cup, Davis Cup, and the Olympics. He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for photography in 1955. (submitted by Sir Knight Robert F. Poyton, P.G.C. and Deputy for KCT, MA/RI)

JACKSONVILLE NO. 220, S.O.O.B., PRESENTS CHECK TO COMMANDERY



Jacksonville Assembly No. 220, Social Order of the Beauceant of Jacksonville, Florida, presented a check for \$500 to Damascus Commandery No. 2 at its stated Conclave in December 2007. The check is to assist the Commandery and other York Rite bodies with expenses, including increased insurance costs for the current year. The Assembly has worked hand-in-hand with the Commandery and other York Rite bodies to promote Masonry and York Rite in the area.

Shown are: Sir Knight Leland E. Stanford III (middle), then Commander, receiving the check, and Sir Knights Michael Pete Trent (left) then Generalissimo, now Commander, and Samuel D. Hope (right) then Captain General, now Generalissimo. Ladies, front row, left to right, are: Mrs. Corbin P. (Arlene) Elliott; Mrs. Clarence (Elouise) Gruber; Mrs. James (Pat) Robertson; Mrs. C. Robert (Clare) Cooper; Mrs. David (Lanie) Dillard, President of No. 220; Mrs. Robert (Pauline) Scott; Mrs. Ben (Lila) Jordan; and Mrs. William (Lee) Farrell. Ladies in second row from left are: Mrs. Frederick (Sonja) Piasecki and Mrs. Charles (Ida) Perez. (submitted by Sir Knight Corbin P. Elliott, KYCH, KCT)

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.



California Gold Recipe Book

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

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

Sale of California Cookbook to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation



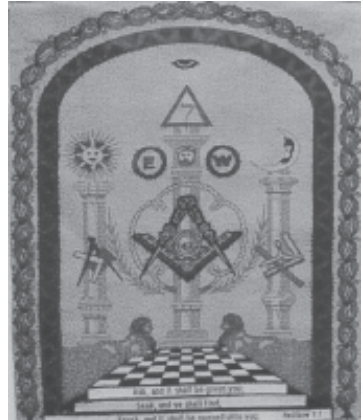
A COLLECTION OF
FAVORITE RECIPES FROM
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR COMMANDERIES
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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 Blue Lodge Wall Hanging to Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

The wall hanging is 27 inches wide by 36 inches long. It is made of 100% US cotton, and it has 380 picks per square inch to give it the beautiful color and the detail. It should be dry cleaned only. With the sale of each wall hanging through the *Knight Templar* magazine, a \$5.00 donation will be given to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The cost of the wall hanging is \$49.95, which includes the shipping and insurance. If interested, please send check or money order to Sandra D. Knotts, P.O. Box 158, Trexlertown, PA 18087.



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.

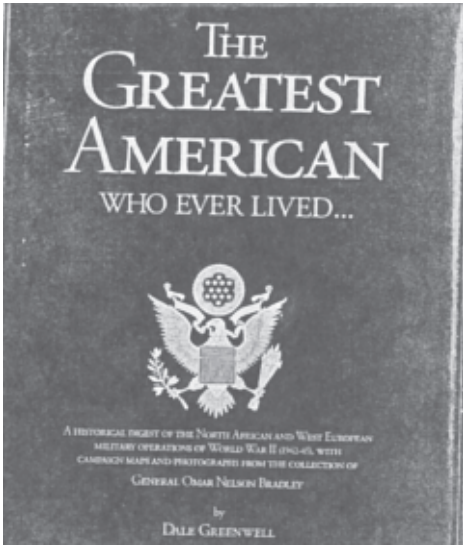


Summer Uniform Sale Aids Knights Templar Eye Foundation

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.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 Sells Lapel Pins To Benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Manchester Commandery No. 40, Manchester, Tennessee, is pleased to announce that it is continuing a fundraiser for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. They have added to their selection of unique **lapel pins**, especially for Sir Knights and Commandery appendant bodies. During the four years of pin sales, donations to the Voluntary Campaign have exceeded the \$22,000 mark! Again our thanks to those who have purchased these pins. We hope to make the 40th Annual Campaign donations even better! These pins can also be viewed in color at www.yorkriteusa.org These pins are available for **\$6.00 each or all nine for \$45.00**, postage paid. Make check or money order payable to: **Manchester Commandery No. 40**. Send to Garry L. Carter, Recorder; 424 Winchester Hwy., Hillsboro, TN 37342. Thanks again for your continued support.



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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



The Tree of Templary Grows from our Roots in Royal Arch Masonry

Companion and Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was installed as Most Excellent High Priest of Hebron Royal Arch Chapter No. 272 in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

Companion and Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., was Most Excellent High Priest of his Colorado Chapter in 1960 and served as Grand High Priest of Colorado in 1966. In his Masonic career he achieved the most respected rank of M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, 1988–1991.

Not many men can say they served as Most Excellent High Priest of two different Chapters in two different jurisdictions in two different centuries and also achieved the highest rank in the Grand Encampment!



In the picture above, left to right, are: Companion and Sir Knight James R. Flanigan, D.D.G.H.P., District 14; Companion and Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., M.E.P.G.M. of the Grand Encampment and M.E.P.G.H.P. of Colorado; and Companion and Sir Knight John Lewis, the installing Marshal.

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Resurrection Day

The Master, he paid the ransom price for thee,
to redeem your soul for all eternity.
He bore the cross for you and me,
a promise of eternal life for all eternity.
A crown of thorns, he did wear, endured the pain
to set our souls free from sin for all eternity.
With nail pierced hands and blood of sweat,
our Savior prayed and wept for you and me,
that he might save your soul for all eternity.
The soul of every believing Christian
was saved this day for all eternity.
Rejoice! The Master arose this day as King of Kings
and Lord of Lords for all eternity.
He has Risen!—Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Rogier Van Der Weyden
Descent from the Cross, c. 1435

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