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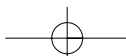
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# Grand Master's Message



**W**hen you receive this message, many of you will be preparing to attend the 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial in Roanoke, Virginia. During the Conclave, reports will be given about the activities over the last three years.

As the 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial comes to a close, it does so with many achievements and a bit of sadness. We've made great strides on our website, [www.knightstemplar.org](http://www.knightstemplar.org), in the magazine you now hold, in the quality of our conferences, in YRIS (York Rite Information System), our new data processing system, in an improved location for our annual Easter Observance, and in the increased expenditure for pediatric research by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Our giving in the foundation through the voluntary campaigns these past three years has topped \$3.5 million, the highest ever. Your Grand Encampment and Knights Templar Eye Foundation are in much better condition in most ways than they were just three short years ago.

Sadness in that Sir Knight Richard Burditt Baldwin, GCT and Grand Master for just over a year never was able to achieve his dream, that of presiding over our Grand Encampment. After his resignation, his health continued to deteriorate until he at last laid down his sword on February 5, 2009. He entered this triennium with high hopes and large plans. "Vision '64" encompassed many of the achievements described above. Though his plans came to fruition, he unfortunately did not live long enough to see it. I hope he knows how successful he was.

This triennium was successful because Sir Knight Baldwin shared and discussed his plans with his officers and included many of our suggestions as we planned together. He was successful because we knew the plan, were a part of it, and continued it even in his absence. The lesson we all learned was that if you share your ideas with your officers and include them in the planning, you will be successful whether you're there at the end or not.

Fraternally,

⚔ *William H. Koon, II*



William H. Koon, II, GCT  
Grand Master

august 2009



# From the Grand Recorder's Office...



## NOTICE TO ALL VOTING DELEGATES OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT

### ATTENTION Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commanders, Deputy Grand Commanders, Grand Generalissimos, and Grand Captains General

On June 10, 2009, a **Special Triennial Edition** of the ***Knight Templar*** magazine was mailed to all voting delegates of the Grand Encampment. Contained therein, were the following:

- The allocution of Most Eminent Grand Master William Howard Koon, II
- A proposed change to the *Knight Templar Funeral Service* for consideration at the 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave
- The OFFICIAL NOTICE OF CONCLAVE dated June 1, 2009
- The OFFICIAL NOTICE of the Triennial Meeting of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
- Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment for consideration at the 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave
- An order form for the 63<sup>rd</sup> *Triennial Conclave Proceedings*

If you did not receive this notice, please contact the office of the Grand Recorder immediately.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC.

### NOTICE OF TRIENNIAL MEETING

To all members of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., a Maryland Corporation:

You are hereby notified that the Triennial and Annual Meeting of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. will be held in the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

By Direction of the Board of Trustees.

Attest:

Lawrence E. Tucker  
Secretary

William Howard Koon, II  
President



# Prelate's Chapel

by  
**Robert Cave**  
**Right Eminent Grand Prelate**  
**of the**  
**Grand Encampment**

**I** thought this month I would write something mildly controversial for the theologically astute Sir Knights. When the officers of the Grand Encampment suggested this column a year and a half ago, the intent was to call attention to the relationship of Templary to Christianity because the feeling was that many of the Sir Knights failed to make this connection even though the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple are Christian in content as well as intent. The Orders deal with the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, so we asked the question "How does Templary relate to Christianity?" After a year and a half of writing and editing others' writings, I had an experience recently that almost makes me conclude that the question was asked backward. Perhaps the question should be "Where does Templary not relate to Christianity?"

I was at the annual Conclave of a Grand Commandery in a state other than my own recently, and the Grand Prelate, delivering his sermon at the Divine Service at the beginning of the conclave, urged us to examine our faith during the days spent at the conclave. He suggested we use the time as a retreat to focus on our relationship to Christ so that by the time we left, our faith could be renewed. It caused me to think of an email I recently received from a Sir Knight who stated that receiving the Order of the Temple increased his faith.

I appreciated the sermon that the Grand Prelate preached at the Divine Service and thought it was one that could have been used by a church at a retreat. The setting was different, but all of us at the Annual Conclave were Christians who recite the Apostle's Creed, pray the Lord's Prayer, and listen to the words and teachings of Jesus much the same way as we do at worship in the church of our choosing. Of course this is not to say that when we are participating in an Annual Conclave of a Grand Commandery we are worshiping there or that the teachings of Templary make it a Church. I am not suggesting that we substitute Templary for the Church or that we meet our obligation to go to Church by being active in the Commandery. Neither Templary nor the Commandery is the Church. For example, we have no theology in Templary, and there are no sacraments. However, Jesus Christ is the foundation of both the Church and the Commandery and their objective is the same.

So perhaps the question we should be asking is "Where is Templary not Christian?" "Where does Templary not express the ideals, values, goals, and essence of Christianity?" Is not Templary encased in the wider realm of the Church and an expression of our faith as Christians? I invite Sir Knights to write their feelings on this, or on the other hand, should we continue to try to answer the original question? Please write or email any response you wish to make to Rev. Robert J. Cave, 137 Glen Drive, Ridge, New York 11961 or email at [Jobrjcave@aol.com](mailto:Jobrjcave@aol.com).

# THE SOUTHERN BREAKFAST

## The Tradition Returns!

Come! Join in the Hospitality! The Southern Breakfast is back! On Monday, August 17, 2009, at 7:30 AM, the Southern Breakfast will begin with scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, and all the trimmings, not to mention good ole southern hospitality! Gather together for good fellowship, good food, and a great start to your Grand Encampment day....and....all this for only \$25.00 per person!

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Don't forget your check!!!

**The cut-off date for orders for the**

**Southern Breakfast is August 12th.**

# Last Call for Crafts!

## ATTENTION "Crafty" LADIES (or Sir Knights)

In her travels across the country, Lady Elizabeth Koon, wife of our Grand Master, has been asking talented ladies to donate examples of their handiworks to be sold in the hospitality room in August at the Triennial in Roanoke. Proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated to the **Knights Templar Eye Foundation**.

If you can be of assistance in this worthwhile project, please send your handiworks to:

KTEF Crafts  
C/O Eva Longworth  
502 Wentworth Ave. N.E.  
Roanoke, VA 24102-3545

# The National D-Day Memorial Tour

## Bedford, Virginia

The National D-Day Memorial opened in 2001 appropriately in Bedford, Virginia. Bedford lost more of its native sons on a per capita basis than any other community in America. The Bedford Boys, 19 brave men, all of Company A gave the last full measure at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. The memorial is a testimony to them and all those who lost their lives on D-Day.

On Sunday, August 16, 2009, a tour is planned to visit the National D-Day Memorial located 30 minutes from Roanoke. Buses will leave at 1:30 PM and will return to the Hotel Roanoke before 3:30 PM. Cost for the trip is \$25.00 per person, and a light lunch will be provided.

Mail your reservations along with your check to: Eva Longworth  
502 Wentworth Ave. NE  
Roanoke, VA 24012-3545

# Shopping!!

Near the Civic Center where the drills will be held is the Roanoke Antique Mall with 20,000 square feet and over 100 dealers from around the area. The Historic Farmers Market, the oldest continually operating market of its type in Virginia, is located in the downtown area. The market contains imported housewares, clothes, fine art, pottery, sculpture, Virginia wines, and more. Gourmet restaurants are conveniently located nearby. Every woman loves chocolate! The 'chocolatepaper' is downtown and has chocolates from around the world as well as distinctive greeting cards and unique gifts to excite the mind. The downtown shopping is located across a 500 ft. walkway from the Hotel Roanoke and contains a plethora of quaint shops.

If shopping malls are to your liking, there are two! A large mall is located near the Sheraton Roanoke. The Holiday Inn Tanglewood is located almost within walking distance of a mall as well.

Certainly while your Sir Knight is doing the things he enjoys, you ladies will have plenty to entertain you in beautiful Roanoke!

Sir Knight Baldwin and the 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial Committee chose well when they picked Roanoke, Virginia, as the site for the 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial. Why wait; make reservations now. The forms are in the March 2009 *Knight Templar* or are available on-line at [www.knightstemplar.org](http://www.knightstemplar.org). It will be a Triennial to remember!





## Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

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# Eye Foundation Campaign Closes

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation reports a contribution total for the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Voluntary Campaign of \$1,005,161.86. Many Commanderies did an outstanding job as you can see for yourself from the following listings. Thanks to all those who worked so hard. A total of 1,127 Commanderies participated in this year's campaign, 19 more than last year.

Texas took the lead in total dollars contributed with Ohio in second position and Pennsylvania third. A listing of top Grand Commanderies on a per capita basis found Idaho first followed by Utah and Nevada second and third respectively. The top subordinate Commandery in total dollars contributed is Kalakaua No.2, Hawaii.

Plaques and seals are being prepared for the 186 constituent Commanderies that reported contributions of \$10.00 or more per member. The 169 Commanderies contributing \$5.00 to \$9.99 per member will receive certificates. These Commanderies are listed on the following pages.

## TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES ON A PER CAPITA BASIS

No.1	IDAHO	\$78.15 per member	Total \$39,936.44
	G. Arthur Shoemaker, Chairman		
No.2	UTAH	\$51.54 per member	Total \$17,883.75
	Douglas J. Backes, Chairman		
No.3	NEVADA	\$15.27 per member	Total \$9,223.65
	Ross A. Frazier, Chairman		

## TOP GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS

No.1	TEXAS	Total \$68,785.01
	Michael H. Shively, Chairman	
No.2	OHIO	Total \$63,109.69
	Richard G. Griffith, Chairman	
No.3	PENNSYLVANIA	Total \$57,288.33
	S. Timothy Warco, Chairman	

## TOP SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY IN DOLLAR TOTALS

KALAKAUA No. 2, HAWAII	Total \$1,068.40
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## TOP TEN GRAND COMMANDERIES IN DOLLAR TOTALS

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. TEXAS        | 6. TENNESSEE                  |
| 2. OHIO         | 7. IDAHO                      |
| 3. PENNSYLVANIA | 8. MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND |
| 4. CALIFORNIA   | 9. VIRGINIA                   |
| 5. GEORGIA      | 10. ALABAMA                   |

## TOP TEN GRAND COMMANDERIES IN PER CAPITA TOTALS

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. IDAHO                | 6. OREGON        |
| 2. UTAH                 | 7. NEW HAMPSHIRE |
| 3. NEVADA               | 8. NEW MEXICO    |
| 4. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 9. MARYLAND      |
| 5. ARIZONA              | 10. CALIFORNIA   |

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KANSAS: Garfield No. 18, McPherson

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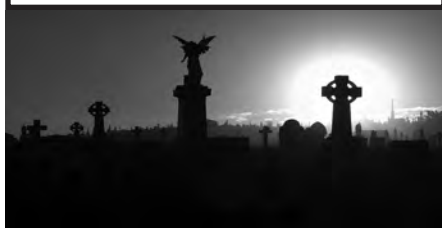
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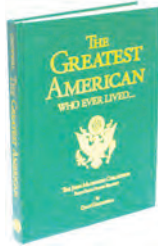
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# The Baldwyn Rite of Bristol, England

## *A Cohesive Remnant of Pre-1813 Freemasonry*

By  
Sir Knight David S. H. Lindez

 In 1813, the Duke of Sussex officially de-Christianized the rituals of Craft Freemasonry in England<sup>1</sup>, thereby ostracizing the degrees beyond the craft and dismantling the cohesiveness of systems native to individual provinces. From region to region, the collection of orders and degrees varied composing a variety of rites which is still evidenced today, not only in the variance of rites available on the continent, but in the vast array of craft degrees and all their diversity as practiced under the United Grand Lodge of England. One famous anomaly which persisted in an insular fashion to preserve its working is that of the Baldwyn Encampment, which claims to exist from time immemorial<sup>1</sup>. Oral tradition maintains that the lodge records were burned during the Stuart rebellions<sup>2</sup>, but the oldest documented record extends back only as far as December 20, 1780. This document refers to the Baldwyn Encampment as “The Supreme Grand and Royal Encampment of the Order of Knights Templars of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitallers and Knights of Malta...” going on to proclaim the “MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER The Grand Master of the Order” and closes with “Done at our Castle in Bristol 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1780.”

Sympathetically, perhaps even defiantly, the Bristol Rite in 1813 reacted to the Hanoverian suppression of various Masonic grades of Knighthood by acting as a depository for those in neighboring regions. They adopted the Knight of the Sword and Eagle, the Nine Elu, the Order of Kilwinning, and Knight of the East and absorbed them all under their covering. However, the conclave of the Baldwyn Encampment located in London<sup>3</sup> slipped into abeyance until the Duke of Sussex later died in 1843. Once revived, this conclave in London attempted to usurp the authority of the Bristol Masons and asked that they submit to the newly revived London conclave. The Bristolians refused, and they reasserted their authority over the entire workings of the Baldwyn Encampment. A compact was later established in 1862, reading “Under the Banner of the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of England and Wales” where it was agreed to give precedence to the Baldwyn Preceptory as a Provincial Grand Commandery and/or Priory unto itself with demonstrated empowerment to work all the degrees of the Bristol Rite, including that of Malta. The Ancient

<sup>1</sup> Inclusive of the Holy Royal Arch

<sup>2</sup> A most common happening. For more on the matter, see Trevor Stewart’s work on the subject in his 2008 work *Journey Into the Vault*

<sup>3</sup> Established in 1791 by Thomas Dunckerley, Prov. Grand Master & Grand Superintendent for the Bristol Rite

<sup>1</sup> Mackey, Albert G. (1909) *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*  
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& Accepted Rite's claim to the Rose Croix degree was also disputed, and the *Treaty of Union* of 1881 ensured that the Baldwyn Rose Croix chapter was recognized as being both superior<sup>4</sup> and independent.

The Baldwyn Encampment considers the craft degrees to compose the first degree. The Bristol workings are the oldest in England, and the use of the loud bang behind a candidate's ear in conjunction with the bringing to light is a definite marking of its antiquity and Stuart origin. The Holy Royal Arch is considered to compose the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. The Royal Arch degree worked in Bristol for the Baldwyn Rite is the only one in England to employ the passage of the veils as found commonplace in the United States. The Baldwyn Encampment works the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> degrees under its own sovereign powers. These are peculiar to it alone. After the 5<sup>th</sup> degree, if the candidate already has the Knight Templar, Knight Malta, and Rose Croix degrees in other bodies, then he is, in effect, a full member of the Rite. If a candidate has not taken these degrees elsewhere then he takes the Knight Templar and Knight of Malta degrees in Baldwyn Preceptory which is under warrant from the Great Priory of England. The rituals worked are the old ones from the time period when these two degrees were controlled by the Baldwyn Encampment itself. They constitute the 6<sup>th</sup> degree of the Rite. Lastly comes the Rose Croix of Mount Carmel, the 7<sup>th</sup> degree of the Rite in the Baldwyn Chapter of Knights Rosae Crucis (Time Immemorial) which, like the Knight Templar Preceptory, has agreed to come under a central authority in this case the Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup> for England and Wales. Again, it works a peculiar ritual in which the candidate presents himself in the garb of an English Knight Templar as is done in Ireland. Visiting Rose Croix Masons may visit the Baldwyn Chapter only if they are also Knights Templar, a requirement unknown outside of Bristol<sup>ii</sup>.

The Grand Superintendent of the Baldwyn Rite is, by virtue of his office, always the Provincial Prior for Knights Templar in Bristol, England. His province has only the one Baldwyn Preceptory in it. He is also the Inspector General 33<sup>rd</sup> for The Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup> of Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales. His district has but a single Rose Croix Chapter in it. So in Bristol, the Rose Croix degree is the seventh of seven degrees and not the 18<sup>th</sup> of 33<sup>iii</sup>.

The Baldwyn Rite is composed as follows:

- I<sup>o</sup> Craft
- II<sup>o</sup> The Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch

**(The Five Royal Orders of Knighthood)**

- III<sup>o</sup> Knights of the Nine Elected Masters
- IV<sup>o</sup> The Ancient Order of the Scots Knights Grand Architect
- V<sup>o</sup> Knights of the East, the Sword and Eagle
- VI<sup>o</sup> Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta and Knights Templar
- VII<sup>o</sup> Knights of the Rose Croix of Mount Carmel

<sup>4</sup> In the sense that it is recognized as being the oldest

<sup>ii</sup> Smith, Lumley (1931) letter correspondence with L.P. Newby

<sup>iii</sup> Wilson, Bruce (1939) letter to Harold V.B. Voorhis



The rituals of the Bristol Rite (especially those of the Knighthood degrees) are not copied and are closely guarded by its members. They do not exist in any published form. It is a rarity to witness, but in December of 2007, one of the degrees of the Bristol Rite was actually performed outside of England for the first time ever. The Entered Apprentice degree was exemplified in full dramatic form in the Gothic room of the Grand Lodge of New York in Manhattan in front of a packed audience of New York and New Jersey Masons by members of Beaufort Lodge No. 103 as a favor to their host, Very Worshipful Brother Jason Sheridan, A.G.L. of the First Manhattan District and Secretary of St. Johns Lodge No. 1 A.Y.M. Brother and Sir Knight Jason Sheridan<sup>5</sup> was later that week made an honorary member of Beaufort Lodge No. 103.

<sup>5</sup> Morton Commandery No. 4 (famous for its conferral of the Orders in the Episcopal Cathedral of the Church of the Incarnation in Manhattan's historic Murray Hill section)

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# 'KIT' CARSON'S LODGE

By  
Sir Knight J. Mark Drummond

**B**ent Lodge No. 42 in Taos, New Mexico owns the home of Brother Christopher Houston 'Kit' Carson and is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Around 1904, the Grand Lodge of New Mexico A.F.&A.M. bought the property and sold it to the local lodge, Bent Lodge No. 42, to keep and maintain as a memorial for such a great Mason as Kit. Since that time, the brethren of Bent Lodge have kept the property up and have educated literally millions of people. On average it hosts over twenty-five thousand people per year. Four years ago, the brethren voted to run the property themselves, renovated the property, and had a Masonic cornerstone ceremony with the Grand Lodge present as well as a large contingent of York Rite officers and members. Since then, the secretary of Bent Lodge No. 42 has been designated as the Executive Director. There are plans for the other building on the property.

The Lodge hopes that the other building on the property, now empty, will become the second national Masonic memorial



in the country; one situated in the West. The first national Masonic memorial is the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. With donations and fundraising, the brethren of Bent Lodge No. 42, along with their Secretary and Executive Director, hope to open the Kit Carson National Masonic Memorial to show and tell the story of Masonry west of the Mississippi River.

While master and father of American Freemasonry, George Washington, is a symbol for Masonry in general, Bro. Kit Carson and the army of the West are symbolic of Masonry west of the Mississippi River. During America's westward expansion, otherwise known as "Manifest Destiny," President Polk (another Mason) sent mapping and topography crews westward to map out routes for the



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military to move west to California. One of these cartographers was John C. Fremont, another Mason. He met Kit Carson by chance on a riverboat around St. Louis, and after checking on his abilities, found that Kit was not only one of the best mountain men but also one of the best guides. He promptly hired him, and it would be through this relationship that Kit Carson would become famous. Many

John Fremont, with Kit's help, took California without a single shot being fired. Kit was sent numerous times as a courier from California to Washington, DC. Even President Lincoln would say of Kit, "his words are as good as gold."

After mustering out of the military, Kit tried his hand at farming and ranching, but his wandering feeling would not go away. He was asked to join the military again.

Sitting around campfires and associating with officers taught Kit two things. First, they taught him to read and write his own name as he was illiterate, and second, they taught him Freemasonry. He was originally a member of Montezuma Lodge of Santa Fe until he moved his lodge membership to Taos. During the Civil War, the lodge went dark and re-formed some years later. Kit was



dime novels were published during his day called "Blood and Thunders," and Kit Carson was as famous during his lifetime as John Wayne has been during ours.

Down the Santa Fe Trail they went until they reached Bent's Fort in southwest Colorado. There he met the Bent brothers, both Masons and then headed for the Rockies with John Fremont to begin mapping the highest and lowest points for passage. They eventually made it to California thanks to the guiding and Indian warfare tactics of Brother Kit. Kit would guide Fremont to California three more times, and on the third trip the Mexican-American war began. When they reached the West Coast,

made a General in the Union Army at this time. He fought two skirmishes in New Mexico but spent most of his time serving as an Indian agent and managing the various Indian wars of the Southwest.

Although Kit spent a good portion of his life in the saddle, he always tried to make it back to his beloved wife, Josefa, and his children in Taos. He kept a house in Taos for the majority of his life, a good twenty-five years. After Kit and Josefa died, the house fell into dis-repair. After having acquired the property, the lodge transformed it into a Kit Carson Museum which is now open to the public. Although most of his personal possessions were sold at auction shortly after his death to

support his orphans, his famous Hawkin 50 caliber rifle, his double barrel 8 gage shotgun, and his Masonic apron are on display.

By the time you read this, the museum hopes to have prints of a painting of Carson by artist Peter Waddell, the painter of *The Initiated Eye*, to raise funds for what will be the second national Masonic memorial.

If you find yourself in beautiful Taos, New Mexico, come by the museum and the lodge. As a matter of fact, if you happen to be in the neighborhood during September of this year, make plans to be in Taos on Saturday, September 5, 2009. There will be a "200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kit Carson" Parade and a BBQ that night at Bent Lodge No. 42 to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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## A Chat With The Managing Editor

In June, we had a letter to the editor from Sir Knight Tom Lang concerning the relationship between Freemasonry and the Catholic Church. I just want to thank Tom for livening up the discussion in our little magazine. I have had several e-mails, letters, and faxes taking issue with Tom's letter and even a fax from Richard Fletcher over at the Masonic Information Center of the Masonic Services Association. Richard sent me a statement published in the Vatican Bulletin which you can obtain from the M.I.C. I have published some of the letters in this month's "Letters to the Editor" section. It seems that this is a hot topic. I even had to extend the section to two pages this month.

Because of this extra page and the annual reports from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation annual campaign, I decided to postpone the next installment on the trials of the Templars until next month. We will take up the content of the actual document at that time.

I understand that Dan Brown's new book, *The Lost Symbol*, is coming out on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Someone said it has more to do with Freemasonry than his others. While we need to remember that these are only fictional novels, my experience has been that they have been attracting some very good men into our fraternity. Who was it that said "There is no such thing as bad publicity?"

I just got back from the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry and was fortunate to be able to hear a number of really interesting talks. I also had opportunity to "encourage" some of those very smart people to share some of their ideas with you in our magazine. You may begin to see some articles from folks in other countries soon. I believe the conference may be in the U.S.A. in 2011.

Finally, The 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave is upon us! I look forward to seeing many of you there!

Enjoy these last days of summer!



John L. Palmer  
Managing Editor

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Missouri  
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Died: December 4, 2008.

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James W. Roberts  
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Grand Commander 1995  
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Died: May 4, 2009.

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Grand Commander 1995  
Born: February 4, 1927  
Died: June 14, 2009

Ronald S. Januszkiewicz  
New York  
Grand Commander 1997  
Born: January 26, 1932  
Died: May 19, 2009





## Letters to the Editor



John:

The June issue arrived today. Wow! It is beautiful! I just love it!

I just have to point out; however, that W.B. Tom Lang (Letters to the Editor) apparently hasn't kept up with his church's canons. The 1983 revision of the canons did not, in fact, lift the ban on Masonic membership – it simply did not list Masonry by name. Instead it used a broader terminology to proscribe membership in organizations that plotted against the church. Later the same year however, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a theological interpretation of the 1983 canon (see <http://catholicexchange.com/2008/09/25/113979/> ). The article cited says, in part,

“What these commentators apparently do not know, however, is that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a declaration on this very subject in 1983, the same year that the new *Code of Canon Law* was promulgated. This document provides a theological interpretation of canon 1374. It notes that the new code does not expressly mention Freemasonry because of an “editorial criterion,” which led the Code Commission to avoid mentioning by name specific associations “inasmuch as they are contained in wider categories.” The declaration asserts clearly that “the Church’s negative judgment in regard to Masonic association remains unchanged, since their principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church and therefore membership in them remains forbidden. The faithful who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion.”

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Furthermore, the document states unambiguously that local church authorities do not have the authority to make any judgment on this matter that would constitute a relaxation of this ban. In other words, a diocesan bishop or chancery official cannot grant permission in a particular case for a member of the diocese to become a Mason. There are to be no exceptions!

This document was approved by the late Pope John Paul II. Lest anyone wonder whether the current pope might possibly reverse this ban, it should be noted that the declaration had been presented to John Paul II by none other than Cardinal Ratzinger, the then-prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. It seems fairly reasonable to assume that the prohibition will remain in force at least during the pontificate of Benedict XVI.”

It may be too little, too late, but the “rest of the story” really ought to be presented to avoid confusion in the temple.

Leroy Delionbach, P.G.C.



Dear Brother Palmer,

I just finished reading the June '09 issue of Knight Templar magazine. First of all, please let me say that I enjoy receiving my issue and look forward to reading it.

I always enjoy the letters to the editor section, as it usually has interesting facts and opinions. However, I just finished reading the letter from Brother Tom Lang. He states in his letter that Catholics are free to join Freemasonry. This is wrong. In 1983, the Catholic Church issued the 1983 *Code*





## Letters to the Editor



of Canon Law. In it, Freemasonry was not listed on a list of banned secret societies. This caused many to assume that the Catholic Church was now allowing members of the Church to join Freemasonry. This was not the case. Shortly after the 1983 Canon came out, Pope John Paul II approved *Quaesitum Est* that states in part;

“The faithful who enroll in Masonic association are in a state of grave sin and may not receive holy communion.”

It goes on to state in part;

“...the Church’s negative judgment in regard to Masonic association remains unchanged since their principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church and therefore membership in them remains forbidden.”

A little side note, this *Quaesitum Est* was written by Cardinal Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI, so any change is unlikely.

I am a practicing Catholic, and a member of a lodge in heavily Catholic South Louisiana. There are many of the Catholic faithful who are members of Freemasonry throughout our area. Many Catholic priests in the United States are what may be thought of as “liberal” priests, and view Freemasonry as non-threatening to the Church (which it is). They take a “live and let live” attitude toward Freemasonry.

One other little tidbit of information, Bro. Lang, the Grand Lodge of England was formed on June 24, 1717 at the Goose and Gridiron pub. Not in 1726 as is stated in your letter.

I am sure this topic will stir debate. My facts come from Wikipedia, my diocese, and simply reading of the *Canon* and *Quaesitum Est*.

Respectfully,

Craig Walker

Crowley Lodge #243, Crowley, LA



Sir Knight Palmer,

Having read the letter from Wor. Bro. Tom Lang in your June, 2009, issue, I must with much regret inform Bro. Lang that his information on the position of the Roman Catholic Church is in error. Much confusion has resulted from the 1983 revision of the 1917 *Code of Canon Law* of the Roman Catholic Church which appeared to have lifted the ban on membership in Freemasonry. That it did not do so was made clear on November 26, 1983, when the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a letter with the statement that “the church’s negative position on Masonic associations, therefore, remains unaltered, since their principles have always been regarded as irreconcilable with the church’s doctrine...Catholics enrolled in Masonic associations are involved in serious sin and may not approach holy communion.”

An excellent summary of the historic position of the church, together with an analysis of its current position in the matter, may be found in a paper authored by Bro. Reid McInvale, a member of the Texas Lodge of Research, and which can be found on the Internet at <http://www.io.com/~janebm/churchlaw.html>.

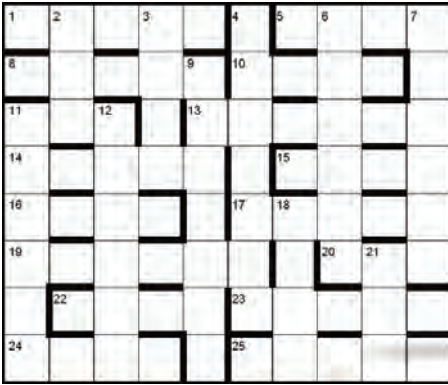
As painful as this information may be, it is unfair to misrepresent the official position of the Roman Catholic Church in this matter.

Respectfully and fraternally,

John L. Cooper III

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**CRYPTIC (Freemason) PUZZLE**  
**by Loki**  
 Solution in Next Month's Issue



One answer is a prefix not generally used as a word by itself.

**ACROSS**

1. Monday knights are men of vows (5)
5. Reminder of the pain in life's cares (4)
8. Opposition, and it is compressed (5)
10. Cockney tramp sounds like music maker (4)
11. Pied (not I) Piper's followers, for a starter (3)
13. Barking seal owns Shriners' alter-egos (6)
14. Portrait shows one magician (5)
15. Soft rock starts clattering retrospective (4)
16. Go left foot first to play with clubs (4)
17. Table Latin club for smarties (5)
19. Grass at center for You-Tuber (6)
20. Los Tardes sun (3)
22. Stood up in a thorny situation (4)
23. Engulfed in a creature's pearly whites (5)
24. 34D's arches in backwards Nebraska (4)
25. Two leading knights observe short hills (5)

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**DOWN**

2. Unity on Worshipful Master's station (3)
3. & 4. Temple builder used ruler on lonely weekday (4,7)
6. Bovine answer to Masonic impostors (6)
7. Near-heartless raccoons, California varmint (6)
9. Rod of power adds first of colors to lacking September (7)
11. Fat quill used for writing crosshatch code (6)
12. Bond tangles to land (6)
18. Enthusiastic vigor causes lane to rotate (4)
21. 9D's partner is A or B (3)

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When I became my father's brother  
We grew a bond unlike the other  
Of father huge and a little boy,  
Yet reminiscent of childhood joy.

Bonded now by Masonic lore  
We're closer yet than we were before.  
Not hand in hand but side by side  
We search for light where light may hide.

To other lodges our plans to travel  
To hear the sound of a different gavel;  
To shake the hands of brethren new;  
To share our stories; our visits grew.

The joys we shared we knew would end  
When someday soon that path would end.

When now I travel I stroll alone,  
The Grand Architect took my Papa home.

When now I travel, I stroll with pride  
To know Papa's spirit is by my side.  
When now I visit a lodge alone  
Papa will visit His Lodge at Home.

Memories I've kept by multiple score  
And in my travels I'll gather more,  
But the one most dear beyond another  
Is when I became my father's brother.



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# Knights



## at the Bookshelf

By  
Sir Knight Stephen Dafoe

### A Review of *The Knights Templar* by Sean Martin

Hardcover: 160 pages  
Publisher: Pocket Essentials  
ISBN: 1560256451

Poet, filmmaker, and writer are but three of the hats worn by Sean Martin, author of *The Knights Templar: The History and Myths of the Legendary Military Order*. This latest entry from Pocket Essentials is the third book in the series to be penned by Martin. His previous two contributions were *The Black Death* and *Alchemy and Alchemists*.

It is said that big things come in small packages and, with respect to Martin's Templar offering, this saying could not be truer. Although only 160 pages in length including bibliography, Martin offers his reader more information on the history and mystery of the Templars than many books twice its length.

With a filmmaker's vision, Martin plays out the story of the Knights Templar, scene by scene, from their humble beginnings to their powerful status in Christendom and onward through their demise in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

Martin spends the remainder of the book rehearsing the many theories concerning what are referred to

as "Templar Mysteries."

There are few books that delve into the factual and the fanciful impressions left by the Order of the Temple. Utilizing the works of orthodox historians as well as speculative authors, Martin tells the story that one never grows tired of reading; the story of the greatest monastic order that ever was.

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# Beauceant News



## Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 Official Visit March 6, 2009

Members present at the official visit of the Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. John Kleinfelder, were front row: Mrs. Donald Spencer, Recorder; Mrs. Hal Forell, Supreme Inner Guard; Mrs. James Dove, Candidate; Mrs. Fred Buxton, Worthy President of Los Angeles Assembly No. 42; Mrs. John Kleinfelder, Supreme Worthy President; Mrs. Paul E. Mihal, Past Supreme Worthy President and 50 year Member; Mrs. William Chant, Past Supreme Worthy President; Mrs. W. Joseph Ryland, Supreme Second Vice President; and Mrs. Russell Coleman. Second row: Mrs. James Burkett, Mrs. Barbara Miller, Mrs. Richard T. Cooper, Mrs. George Ezmirlan, Mrs. Vincent Bell, Mrs. Marshall Severson, Mrs. Harry Anderson, Mrs. Thomas Roan, Mrs. Daniel Hood, and Mrs. Arthur Christensen. Third row: Mrs. Robert Coe, Mrs. Paul McElwain, Mrs. David Ottinger, Mrs. Mourad Kaplanian, Mrs. Bruce Ewald, Mrs. O. Reed Bollin, Mrs. James Kearney, and Mrs. John Jensen.



On March 6, 2009, Mrs. John Kleinfelder, Supreme Worthy President, made her Official Visit to Los Angeles Assembly No. 42 Social Order of the Beauceant. As is the custom, the luncheon was served by Past Grand Commanders of the State of California. Left to Right S.K. Richard T. Cooper; S.K. William Chant; S.K. Donald J. Spencer, P.C.; Mrs. John Kleinfelder, Supreme Worthy President; S.K. Hal Forell; S.K. Paul E. McElain; and S.K. Knight Robert C. Coe.

Mrs. Paul E. Mihal, Past Supreme Worthy President, now a fifty year member, was initiated June 15, 1959 in Glendale Assembly No. 44. "I was initiated by my mother, Mrs. Clarence I. Hammet who was W.P. at that time. Glendale No. 45 consolidated with Pasadena No. 44. I became a dual member of Monrovia No. 169 which later surrendered their charter. So that left me as a member of Pasadena No. 44 until their surrender. I then came to Los Angeles No. 42, and I hope I don't cause them to collapse as have the other 3 assemblies. I have served as President in the 3 assemblies 8 times and was SWP in 1984-85. I was General Chairman of the 1981 Supreme Assembly and was elected Preceptress in that year. (and I wasn't even running - what a surprise) I also have served on the following committees: Area 2 KTEF, Chairman of Mileage, Appeals and Grievances, Chartered Assemblies, By-laws 2 years and Jurisprudence 6 years. I hosted a party for the benefit of the KTEF in my backyard for many, many years."



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## Solution to Cryptic Puzzle on Page 29 of July Issue ACROSS

3. SPRUCE dbl.def.
8. LA PAZ dbl.def.
9. ROME+O
10. ELI'S HA
12. LI+MO
13. ID+E(ast)+S(outh)
14. REPAID reversed
15. (se)ARCHED
17. KITS dbl.def.
18. DID+O
19. O+LI+VET
20. E(ast)+C(entral)+LAT(itude)
21. B+L+ARE
22. EXITS>S=EXISTS

The author is a Knight Templar who follows Cryptic Crossword tradition by setting puzzles under a crucinym, choosing Loki, the Norse god of mischief. If you would like detailed instructions on how to solve Cryptic clues, Loki would be happy to oblige. Contact him at <okl.loki@gmail.com> or at 2501 W. Zia Rd., #6104; Santa Fe, NM 87505.

1	P	2	B	3	S	4	P	R	U	5	C	E	6	C	7	D
8	L	A	P	A	Z	9	R	O	M	E	O					
10	E	L	I	S	H	11	A	12	L	I	M	O				
13	I	D	E	S	14	D	I	A	P	E	R					
15	A	R	C	16	H	E	D	17	K	I	T	S				
18	D	I	D	O	19	O	L	I	V	E	T					
20	E	C	L	A	T	21	B	L	A	R	E					
	S	K	22	E	X	I	S	T	S	Y	P					

## DOWN

1. SLEEP anagram>1AD=PLEIADES
2. BALD+RICK
4. PASS pun on PAST
5. (per)COLA(tor)
6. C(hristian)E(ra)+METER+Y
7. ROOD reversed +STEP
11. DIA(meter)=AID reversed
14. (i)DEO(logist)
16. HO(model scale)+AX
17. (dialect for KILLED)=KILT



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