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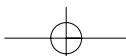
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Grand Master's Message

Roanoke, Virginia – LXIV Triennial

Due to the deadlines for publication of the *Knight Templar*, this is the first edition where information on the recently completed 64th Triennial can be reported.

From all accounts, the 64th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar was a most successful event. Minor 'housekeeping' legislation was passed, and a new Knight Templar funeral service was adopted; but perhaps the most important accomplishments were the charters granted to Sir Knights in Togo and Romania.

During the conclave, following the issuing of charters to ten Romanian Commanderies, warrants were issued to form a Grand Commandery. The officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Romania were installed during the third session of the Grand Encampment with thirty-seven Romanian knights present.

Additionally, three charters were granted to Commanderies in Togo. They have requested warrants to form a Grand Commandery, and as soon as travel arrangements can be made to confirm their viability and ability, they will be granted the warrants and their officers installed to form a new Grand Commandery. Twelve Sir Knights were present from Togo. Keep in mind that all of these Sir Knights spent between \$2,000 and \$3,000 to be present in Roanoke. That spells COMMITMENT in capital letters!

Tremendous interest in American Templary exists in Europe and Africa. It is impressive and heartening to see that people from outside of the United States are so interested in the Order we enjoy. We are truly becoming a world-wide Order of Templary.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Koon, II".



William H. Koon, II, GCT
Grand Master

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FIELD DRILL COMPETITION AUGUST 2009

	Team	Score
Class "A" - 1 Team		
1st Place	Melrose No. 109, Texas	746
Class "B" - 3 Teams		
1st Place	Park Place No. 106, Texas	915
2nd Place	Grand Commandery of Ohio	818
3rd Place.....	Los Angeles No. 9, California	790
Class "C" - 7 Teams		
1st Place	Dallas No. 6, Texas	932
2nd Place	Greenfield No. 39, Indiana	907
3rd Place.....	Findlay No. 49, Ohio	899
4th Place.....	Marietta No. 50, Ohio	867
5th Place.....	Raper No. 1, Indiana	843
6th Place.....	Coleman No. 17, Ohio	787
7th Place.....	9th Division of Ohio	771
Class "D" - 15 Teams		
1st Place	DeMolay No. 9, Ohio	964
2nd Place	Amarillo No. 48, Texas	951
3rd Place.....	Findlay No. 49, Ohio	949
4th Place.....	Bayard No. 15, Virginia	937
5th Place.....	Empire No. 83, New York	930
6th Place.....	Alexander Garrett No. 103, Texas	926
7th Place.....	McKinney No. 34, Texas	924
8th Place.....	Raper No. 19, Ohio	921
9th Place.....	Ivanhoe No. 24, Wisconsin	911
10th Place.....	Reed No. 6, Ohio	908
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Born: November 26, 1936
Died: July 22, 2009

A Chat With The Managing Editor

Since I have developed quite a backlog of letters to the editor (especially about the relationship between Freemasonry and the Catholic Church). I thought it would be good to publish some of these letters, so we have several pages of letters to the editor this month.

For those of you who are Robert Burns fans, we have an article of interest to you beginning on page 21 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of his birth. Did you know that he was secretary of his lodge? See the photos on the opposite page.

We have persuaded Stephan Dafoe to share with us a few articles about specific, significant battles of the crusades. The first one is on page 24. We are still trying different things in the magazine, so let us know what you like and don't like, or if you have suggestions about things we have never included, we would be interested in hearing them too. I also had opportunity this month to catch up on the Beauceant news beginning on page 27.

By odd coincidence, there are several pages from me in this edition. I promise you that this is going to be the exception rather than the rule. I have a number of folks working on articles for the magazine, but they are arriving more slowly than expected. Remember to send your submissions to me electronically at the e-mail address shown on page 3.

As I write this, I am on my way back from a most harmonious and productive Triennial session of the Grand Encampment. If you were not there, you missed a great meeting in Roanoke. I had the opportunity to meet many of you with whom I have had correspondance this last year, and that was a great honor for me.

I confess that this was the first time for me to witness the drill competition, and the amount of time and effort these Sir Knights have devoted to the excellent performances is awsome. I was extremely impressed! The drill competiton alone was worth the trip to Grand Encampment. See page 6 for the scores. We now look forward to another three years of progress in our great Order. I hope you will assist us in our efforts as we strive to continually improve the magazine to provide you with the news and in depth information you expect to see.

Congratulations to our new Grand Encampment line officers, Sir Knights Koon, Goodwin, Dorris, and Vaught. We also have a new slate of department commanders whom I will be introducing in the next few issues, and we look forward to our next annual Eye Foundation campaign under the leadership of Sir Knight Jeff Nelson.



John L. Palmer
Managing Editor



Letters to the Editor



Dear John;

I received the Knight Templar magazine today and as always enjoyed receiving it. The “new” look is much better, and generally, the articles more interesting. I read with interest last month the writings of Brother Tom Lang. This month’s letters to the editor came as a surprise. I am certainly not privileged to some of the information the three responders have, and I do not doubt their knowledge as to interpretations of canon law.

I have enclosed an article I had “cut” from our Tyler newspaper, *The Tyler Morning Telegraph*, dated Wednesday, January 26, 1983. Yes, I actually thought it would be most interesting as time went by. I have carried it in my pocket calendar since 1983. I thought it would be most informative to you.

Also, of interest; in 1986, I was Chief Rabban of our Sharon Temple, (Tyler) at an Imperial Shrine Convention; Walker S. Kisselburgh was Imperial Potentate.

He had an Imperial Potentate’s evening program with great entertainment; Danny Thomas, Norm Crosby, Foster Brooks, and Shirley McClaine. I mention this because the three were Masonic brothers, and Ambassador Members of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple in Los Angeles. They gave a very memorable performance with standing ovations. Part of Danny Thomas’s routine included coming out on stage with his Shrine “FEZ” on and giving a testimonial about becoming a Shriner. He wanted to be a Shriner, but realized he had to be a Mason first. He then related the circumstance; because he was a devout

Catholic, he had a serious problem.

Danny then told about how he flew to Rome and had a personal visit with the Pope, who I believe was Pope John Paul II, in 1983. He related his wishes to the Pope and the words from Danny Thomas, on stage before several hundred Shriners in the auditorium were “The Pope said ‘There was not a better organization that he knew of than the Masons’”. So Danny came back home and became a Mason and a Shriner. We were seated in the third row stage middle, so we could see the tears on his cheeks as he spoke.

Imperial Sir Kisselburgh also had 14 well known Masons on stage during his business meeting including the three already mentioned as well as Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, Mel Blanc, Royal Dano, and others whom I don’t remember.

L. A. “Pete” Peters
Tyler, Texas



John,

One of most precious tenets we hold dear in the craft is that our members are men of good character. This means, among other things, that you always do the right thing. It also means that you admit when you are mistaken and do so before your peers.

My belief that the ban on Catholic men becoming Freemasons was lifted is

one that I held for 25 years. The circumstances as I stated them in my original letter are true. I now freely admit that I formed a conclusion based on misinformation that was ultimately wrong, and I humbly apologize and regret any confusion my letter may have caused. I do not intend to debate in this forum whether the Catholic Church is correct in its position. I do, however, appreciate the very articulate responses in the August issue of this magazine. I am also grateful that many of our brethren maintain a high level of knowledge in all facets of Freemasonry.

Brother Cooper, "unfairly misrepresenting" any issue seems to infer a degree of calculated deception. I meant to deceive no one. I only stated what I believed to be true (I heard it on the evening network news or read it on the Internet so it must be true!). Over the years, no non-Mason has ever asked me whether there was a ban on Catholic men becoming Freemasons, nor did I ever urge any Catholic man to petition a lodge because I believed the ban had been lifted. I presumed it was common knowledge. So I never misrepresented anything. It really is hard to prove a negative.

Brother Walker, I wonder if they had happy hour at the Goose and Gridiron before their meeting.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Tom Lang

Tom;

I believe absolutely that we can misrepresent things without meaning to, particularly when we are ignorant that we are ignorant on a subject. I am knight templar

pretty sure that I have done that a couple of hundred times. One of my favorite quotes is, "We're all ignorant; just about different subjects." I only wish I could remember who said it.

I want to thank you for bringing up the subject. I am convinced that because you wrote your initial letter, hundreds if not thousands of Sir Knights, including me, have greatly reduced our ignorance about the relationship between the Catholic Church and Freemasonry and were privileged to read one of the quaintest stories about Danny Thomas I ever heard.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in unity!"

The Ed.



Hi,

Someone just gave me a copy of a Knight Templar article entitled, "Buck and the Mormons--Part I and Part II, by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33, FPS which was I believe in the October or November issue of 1999. I would like to know more about the author of these articles, when these articles were written, and any other relevant information. Can you help me, or refer me to someone who can? Thanks much.

Melody Nelson

email: beyedoers@prtcl.com

The article was submitted by Sir Knight Joseph E. Bennett, KYCH, 33°, FPS, and P.D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. His address at that time was P.O. Box 2735 Bandera, TX. Can any one out there help Melody? Just contact her directly.

The Ed.

Dear editor,

I love the new look of the KT mag. Just one suggestion. Please make sure the color of the type in an article has a lot of contrast with the background color. As a 76 year old whose eyesight isn't the best, something with low contrast is very difficult to read.

On another note, our Commandery has several chapeaux in our armory whose plumes have become very dusty and dirty over many years. Does anyone know of a way to clean the white plumes without it being so costly as to prohibit it? I would suppose that a lot of Commanderies out there would have a similar problem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Fraternally,

Roger A Morris, PC, KCT, KTCH
Duluth No 18. Duluth, MN

We are still working on the color problems, so I hope things are getting better. Concerning the plumes—I don't know, but I will publish your letter and see if any of the Sir Knights out there have a suggestion.

The Ed.



Dear Sir Knights:

We translated some of the most important messages of *Knight Templar Magazine*, for our Mexican Knights.

So we are doing with some papers existing only in English, as the *Guidelines for Religious, Civic and Officers*. It is a great effort to make Templary stronger in our country, where we are

founding the Grand Commandery.

Please, receive our greetings, especially for our Grand Master and tell him that we are working hard to discover this beautiful world of Templary.

Sir Knight Jaime Ríos-Otero
Grand Commander

*Right Eminent Sir Knight Jaime,
I congratulate you and express my appreciation for all your efforts to bring our magazine to our Spanish speaking fraters!*

The Ed.



Hello,

My husband Donald H. Schaap, recently died and he subscribed to this magazine for years. In his memory, someone sent a check for the Masonic Cancer Center. I don't know the address. Would you be able to send that to me? Also, can his name be mentioned in this magazine as a memoriam?

Thank you,
Janis R. Schaap

Janis,

I am sorry, but I am not familiar with the Masonic Cancer Center. There may be more than one. There is one at the University of Minnesota, phone (612) 624-8484. Can anyone assist Janis? I will gladly forward any e-mail to her.

The Ed.

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They Confessed to What?!

A Continuing Analysis of the Mystery of the Trials of the Ancient Templars

by

Sir Knight John L. Palmer, KCT

Managing Editor

At the trial, the Knights were asked mostly the same questions; how old were they when they were received into the Order; how long they had been members of the Order; what had happened during and immediately after their initiation especially concerning denying Christ, spitting on the Cross or Crucifix, or kissing the one inducting them into the Order; homosexual activities among the Knights, specifically sodomy; worshipping a head; and how they had initiated others.

Raymbaud de Caron testified that he had been initiated forty-three years prior at the age of seventeen which made him about sixty years old at the time. Geoffroy of Charny stated that he had been a Templar for forty years since he was sixteen or seventeen making him about fifty-seven years of age. Geoffroy de Gonneville indicated that he had been received into the Order twenty-eight years previously, but did not indicate at what age. Hugo de Perraud indicated that he was initiated at the age of eighteen, forty-six years ago by his father, Hubet de Perraud, who was a Visitor of the Templar Commanderies in France and Poitou. As you may recall, a Visitor was something akin to an Inspector General in today's military. At sixty-four years old, he may well have been the

oldest Knight in the group. DeMolay testified that he had been a member of the Order for forty-two years, but apparently was not asked how old he was at the time of his reception.

Concerning the question about worshipping a head or an idol shaped like a head, Raymbaud de Caron, Geoffroy of Charny, Geoffroy de Gonneville, and DeMolay indicated that they knew nothing about it. Hugo de Perraud testified that the head was in the possession of Brother Peter Alemandin and that he had seen it in Montpellier.

Concerning the charge of sodomy, none of the Knights had firsthand knowledge of the practice although Raymbaud de Caron and Hugo de Perraud indicated that three members of the Order had been incarcerated perpetually in Castle Pilgrim for the offence. Hugo also indicated that during initiations, he had imposed on the initiates to abstain from partnership with women, but, if they were unable to restrain their lust, to join themselves with brothers of the Order. He knew of none who had done so. Raymbaud de Caron indicated that he had been told during his initiation that if he could not restrain his lust, it was better done in secret than publicly.

If I may digress for a moment, Sir Knights, I see a similar problem developing in our fraternity today. It seems to me that some of our brethren are communicating to the younger brethren that some of our principles regarding morality are out-dated and not in touch with the times; that perhaps we should be using something other than the Bible upon which to base our moral standards. It seems to me that a "beautiful system of morality" without the integrity to insist that its members adhere to its espoused moral standards and principles, is doomed to become "as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal" and is on the path of demise. Only through the strict adherence to our principles in deed as well as in word, can we expect to sustain our existence. Otherwise, we lose our reason to exist. Sorry for the digression, Sir Knights. I feel better, but I would not want to hurt anyone's feelings or make anyone feel "uncomfortable." Let me get off my soap box and back on the subject at hand.

Concerning questions about kissing, apparently, Geoffroy de Gonnevillle was not asked the question, DeMolay knew nothing of the practice, both Raymbaud de Caron and Hugo de Perraud said they were kissed on the mouth as a part of their initiation, and Geoffroy of Charny indicated that he kissed his receptor on his mouth and on his chest through his clothing as a gesture of respect. Hugo de Perraud indicated that when he initiated others, he required them to kiss him at the bottom of the back, on the navel, and on the mouth. Hugo appears to me to have been out on the edge.

The most puzzling answers were in reference to either denying Christ or spitting

on the cross or a crucifix.

All of them had a similar experience during their initiation. Raymbaud de Caron was taken aside after his initiation by a "brother-servant," shown a small cross or crucifix and told "You must denounce this one" to which Raymbaud replied "And so, I denounce." Geoffroy of Charny was taken aside by the Brother who initiated him, shown a crucifix with an effigy of Christ and told that he should not believe in the Crucified, but should, in fact, denounce him. Geoffroy de Gonnevillle was shown a cross depicted in some book and told that he should denounce the one whose image was depicted on that cross. On refusing to do so he was finally convinced by his receptor to agree to tell any of the Knights who asked him that he had made the denunciation. Hugo de Perraud testified that he was shown a cross with an effigy of Christ and that the demand was made of him that he "denounce the One whose image was depicted there." He refused at first, but later complied with the demand. DeMolay testified to a similar experience. Geoffroy of Charny also indicated that he had received many others into the order without demanding a denunciation of the cross.

Only DeMolay and Geoffroy de Gonnevillle indicated that they had been ordered to spit on the cross and neither admitted doing so. It is interesting to note that all pointed out that this business of denouncing the cross was done by them "with the mouth only and not in the spirit."

Next month we will try to make some sense of all this confessing.

**Solution to Cryptic Puzzle on Page 21
of September Issue**

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R(omanus) double definition
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Voices

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General Supplement

The space on these two pages is provided by the *Knight Templar* magazine to be used by the Grand Commanderies to communicate with the individual Sir Knights in their jurisdictions on a monthly basis. From time to time and for various reasons, we fail to receive any material from the editor of the state supplement for a given month. When this happens, we take the opportunity to offer you the information below. – The Ed.



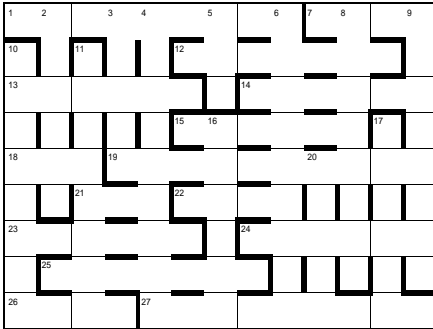


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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

by Loki

Solution in Next Month's Issue



DOWN

2. Female monster in spy group took GED exam (6)
3. Surcharge for extinct Egyptian icon (5)
4. Negotiable ransom fee for better than a good man (9)
5. Plug Hector (3)
6. Happened across crackling funeral fire (9)
8. Claim all "C" bids illegally (4,4)
9. Home to Knights Templar in western Yukon or western Kodiak, with blown tire (4,4)
10. Loudly you praised, with hands held high (8)
11. Literary place where scary sound makes Knights jump (8)
16. Tropical fruit in cat's forefeet (6)
17. Upward aid in cozy, endless star paths (6)
20. Sum of chopper blade's spiral, horned African beast (5)

ACROSS

1. Ridicule a Funk poet freely (4,3,2)
7. Small whimper from seeing the future (4)
12. Golf course found at the carnival (7)
13. Professional team loses a stand-in (3,3)
14. Noisy police capture of square-dance man (6)
15. Injection in back of turbulent plains (6)
18. Request, as Knight (3)
19. Envoy caught American fish by a rod cast west (10)
21. Sonically average fish's home (3)
22. Trade stories with a project's heads (4)
23. Southern state history boiled down to rubble (6)
24. Treasure opener bid it outrageously for a tiny piece (6)
25. Washington's water in cauldron of macaroni (7)
26. Stupid man's way to treat an airplane (4)
27. Land of enchantment, where once we mix various spells (3,6)

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.

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Sir Knight Henry Kent, Robert Burns, and the Stolen Poem

by
Sir Knight Paul Rich

One of Brother Robert Burns (1759–1796) most recited works in Masonic circles, the poem “The Master’s Apron”, was actually written by an American Knight Templar.

If you are an active Mason, the chances are that you have heard “The Master’s Apron” on many occasions:

*Ther’s mony a badge that’s unco brow;
Wi’ ribbon, lace and tape on;
Let kings an’ princes wear them a’ —
Gie me the Master’s apron!*

*The honest craftsman’s apron,
The jolly Freemason’s apron,
Be he at hame, or roam afar,
Before his touch fa’s bolt and bar,
The gates of fortune fly ajar,
Gin he but wears the apron!*

*For wealth and honor, pride and power
Are crumbling stanes to base on;
Eternity suld rule the hour,
And ilka worthy Mason!
Each Free Accepted Mason,
Each Ancient Crafted Mason.*

*Then, brithers, let a halesome sang
Arise your friendly ranks along!
Guidwives and bairnies blithely sing
To the ancient badge wi’ the apron string
That is worn by the Master Mason!*

Despite hundreds of web sites attributing the poem to Burns, it was printed in an American periodical *The Granite State Monthly* in 1882 as by Sir Knight Henry Oakes Kent. (1834-1909) “Written as a sentiment at a public banquet of North Star and visiting lodges, at Lancaster...” It turns out that our fellow Templar was very proud of “The Apron”, and it is listed in his auto-biography, in the *Genealogical and Family History of the State of New Hampshire* (by Ezra S. Stearns and William Frederick Whitcher, 1908) available on the web: “...his ballad ‘The Master’s Apron,’ widely known of Masons.” The lines appear as by Kent in 1902 in a much circulated fraternal humor book *Goat Rides, Butts, and Goat Hairs*,ⁱⁱ which is still in print.

Kent felt the call of the muse on many occasions. If he wasn’t a famous poet, at least he did not lack industry.ⁱⁱⁱ In the *Genealogical and Family History* we are told, “Colonel Kent has not confined his activity in literature entirely to prose, but has written some gems in verse that would be a credit to a poet of acknowledged reputation...” His military service in the American Civil War and a successful legal career did not interfere with producing enough lines to earn pages in *The Poets of New Hampshire* in 1883.

A mountain in New Hampshire is named for him,^{iv} but his moment in history was as an aide at Gettysburg to President

Lincoln when Lincoln delivered the famous address, which Kent invariably noted in his *Who's Who* entries. An unsuccessful candidate for Governor of New Hampshire,^v he was active for many years in North Star Lodge in his town of Lancaster, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and Grand Commander of the Knights Templar in New Hampshire. Contemporaries praised his geniality, presence, and “personal magnetism.”^{vi}



Sir Knight Henry Oakes Kent

That his poem could be “stolen” from him and so often listed as by Robert Burns is really a huge compliment. His “Burnsian imagery” in the poem reflects the great influence Burns had in

America. When Andrew Jackson ran for President in 1828, supporters chorused “*Let auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind, and Jackson be our President and Adams left behind.*”^{vii}

For the 250th anniversary of the birth of Burns, I was asked to give a paper in Edinburgh at an international conference on Freemasonry. The Scots were very good natured when I told them that the famous poem was really by a New Hampshire Sir Knight. Burns himself had a great sense of humor, and perhaps some famous lines by him (and they re-

ally are by him!) are appropriate about the whole case of the poem that wasn’t what it seemed:

*The best laid schemes o’ mice an’ men
Gang aft a-gley,
An’ lea’e us nought but grief an’ pain,
For promised joy.*

*Still thou art blest, compared wi’ me!
The present only toucheth thee:
But, oh! I backward cast my e’e
On prospects drear!
An’ forward, tho’ I canna see,
I guess an’ fear!*

Notes:

ⁱ On the web at:

http://books.google.com/books?id=wRYXAAAAYAAJ&pg=PP10&lpg=PP10&dq=henry+o.+kent+master%27s+apron&source=bl&ots=UD61r2Zh-h&sig=uCcBT8fYReZlo-8rFOU94YtDymo&hl=en&ei=9bcDSr-7cOaCltgeB9sSPBw&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=5 and in Internet Archive at http://www.archive.org/stream/granitestatemon08unkngoog/granitestatemon08unkngoog_djvu.txt.

“In the obit in the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery KT of NH Kent was ‘editor and proprietor of the Coos Republican from 1858 to 1870.’ I thought that might be a potential source for more Kent poetry” Jeffrey Croteau to Paul Rich, email, 12 May 2009.

ⁱⁱ James Pettibone, Goat Rides, Butts and Goat Hairs, C.B. Pettibone Publishers, Cincinnati, 1902, 109.

ⁱⁱⁱ Grenville M. Doges, William Arba Ellis, Norwich University, 1819-1911, Vol.I, Capital City Press, Montpelier (Vermont), 1911, 391.

^{iv} An account of climbing Mount Kent : http://www.alpinedave.com/mt_kent/mt_kent.html

^v “Henry O. Kent for Governor: New Hampshire Democrats Make him Their Candidate”, New York Times, 7 September 1894, <http://query.nytimes.com/gst/abstract.html?res=9F0DE0DB1531E033A25754C0A96F9C94659ED7CF>

^{vi} John B. Clarke ed., Sketches of Successful New Hampshire Men, John B. Clarke, Manchester (New Hampshire), 1882, 24.

^{vii} Ferenc Morton Szasz, Abraham Lincoln and Robert Burns: Connected Lives and Legends, Southern Illinois University Press, Carbondale (Illinois), 2008, 37.

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The Battle of Montgisard

By
Stephen Dafoe

The following article, part one in a series on Templar Battles, is adopted from Stephen Dafoe's book *Nobly Born: An Illustrated History of the Knights Templar*, published by Lewis Masonic.

When King Baldwin IV reached the age of 16 in 1177, Count Raymond of Tripoli's regency of the Kingdom of Jerusalem came to an end. Now in power, the leper king immediately became involved in military campaigns despite his growing illness. When Philip of Flanders decided to go north to help Raymond in a campaign against the Muslims, Baldwin sent one thousand knights and two thousand foot soldiers to assist as well as a number of Templars. This left the kingdom with far fewer men than they had sent, and Saladin quickly learned of the kingdom's weakened condition.

On November 18, 1177, Saladin crossed into Christian territory with a massive army said to have been composed of twenty-six thousand light cavalry, eight thousand men on camels, and an additional one thousand men who formed Saladin's bodyguard. Knowing that his army greatly outnumbered the Christians, Saladin confidently began his northward march up the Palestinian coast. However, the kingdom was not without its own intelligence, and as soon as word arrived that the sultan was on the move, Odo de St Amand who was then Master of the Templars ordered every knight he could gather to move south to Gaza to fend off the Muslims.

Saladin, perhaps realizing that the

Templars would respond in such a manner, sailed on past Gaza and set out to besiege Ascalon which had been captured two decades earlier. Baldwin, who had been able to gather about five hundred knights, headed straight for the port city arriving a few hours before Saladin and his army. But Saladin once again changed his plans. Since the Templars were guarding Gaza and the king and his men were guarding Ascalon, the sultan realized that the road between him and Jerusalem lay empty of his Christian enemies. Leaving a small contingent to keep Baldwin occupied, Saladin moved north towards Jerusalem, his mouth surely salivating at the prospect of capturing the Holy City. But overconfidence caused Saladin to let his guard down. The normally tight rein he kept on his men was loosened, and they were allowed to wander and pillage the countryside.

Baldwin somehow managed to get word to the Templar garrison at Gaza as to what was happening. His messenger told the Templars there to abandon Gaza and head north to Ascalon to help their king. When the Templars arrived at Ascalon, Baldwin along with Reynald de Châtillon and the army flew out of the city, and the united Christian forces moved north to Ibelin, where they swung inland towards Jerusalem.

Exactly one week after he had crossed

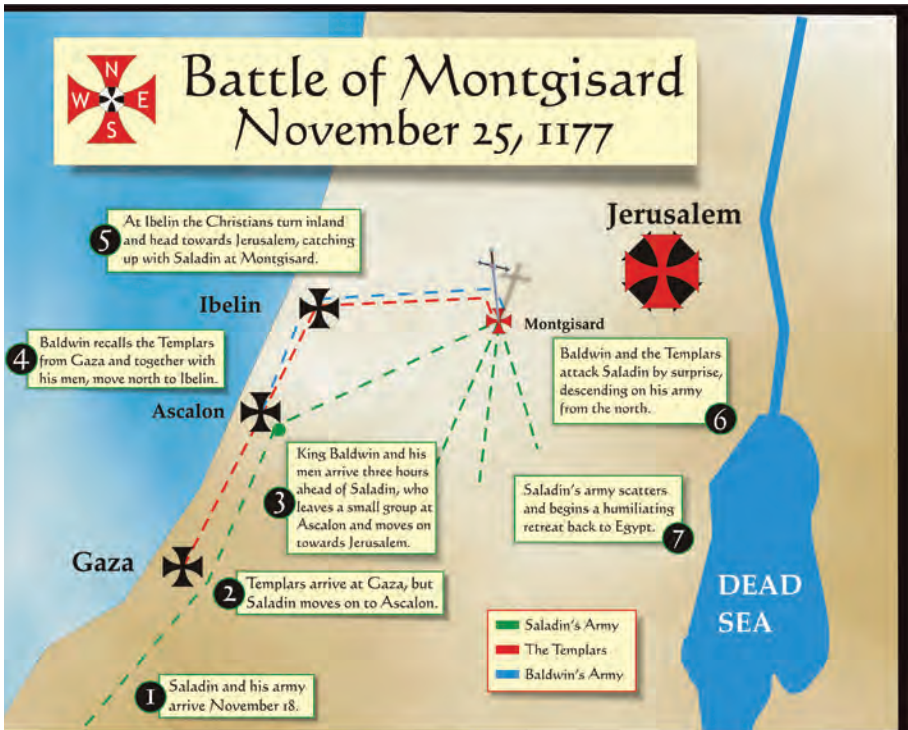
over from Egypt, Saladin and his army were crossing a ravine near Montgisard, southeast of Jerusalem, when the Christians came crashing down on them from the north. Saladin had no idea what was coming his way.

With the element of surprise on their side, the Christians, despite being incredibly outnumbered, were able to send Saladin's army from the field of battle. The victory was owed to the Templars and their heavy charge led by Odo de St Amand and eighty of his brethren. Ralph of Diss in chronicling an eyewitness account of the Battle of Montgisard wrote of the devastating effect of the Templars' charge:

'Spurring all together, as one man, they [the Templars] made a charge, turning neither to the left nor to the

right. Recognizing the battalion in which Saladin commanded many knights, they manfully approached it, immediately penetrated it, incessantly knocked down, scattered, struck and crushed. Saladin was smitten with admiration, seeing his men dispersed everywhere, everywhere turned in flight, everywhere given to the mouth of the sword.'

Many of Saladin's men left the field before the first wave of the Templars' charge hit; those who had the courage to hold their positions were all but destroyed by the Christians. Soon the Egyptian army was in flight, abandoning not only the booty they had captured as the pillaged their way towards Jerusalem, but also many of their own weapons. If the humiliation in the field was not enough, the journey home only



added to it. As the army crossed the Sinai Desert, they were regularly harassed by Bedouins, while others who stopped in villages to beg for food and water were slain or handed over to the Christians as captives.

As for Saladin, ever concerned that his position of power might be upset, he sent messengers ahead to Egypt, mounted on speeding camels, to let everyone know that he was very much still among the living. Upon his return, carrier pigeons were sent throughout the land to let the Egyptians know that their sultan had returned.

In the end, Saladin failed to capture Jerusalem as he had hoped, largely due to the courage of Jerusalem's leper king and the skill and discipline of the Templars under Odo de St Armand. However, whatever humiliation Saladin had faced

at Montgisard in the autumn of 1177, it would be long forgotten a decade later when the Holy City would finally be his.

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Beauceant News

(Mrs. Duncan C.) Filomena M. Watson of Rhode Island Installed As Supreme Worthy President, S.O.O.B., for 2009 – 2010

(Mrs. Duncan C.) Filomena M. Watson was installed as Supreme Worthy President on Friday, September 25, 2009, at the 89th Annual Supreme Assembly held in Denver, Colorado. She and her Sir Knight, Duncan, will visit 85 Assemblies in 33 states beginning with Casper Assembly No. 70, Wyoming on September 28, 2009. Mrs. Watson will preside in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, during the 90th Annual Supreme Assembly to be held September 26 - October 1, 2010.

A member of Pawtucket Assembly No. 217 since 1997, she held several offices and served as Worthy President in 2004 and 2005. She has served Supreme Assembly as Supreme Tellers' Chairman in 2005 and Supreme Necrology Committee in 2006. She was elected Supreme Worthy Preceptress in Columbus, Ohio in 2006.

Her Sir Knight, Duncan, is a Past Commander of Calvary Commandery No. 13, East Providence, Rhode Island; Past Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Grand Representative from MA/RI to Texas; Past High Priest of Providence Chapter No. 1, R.I.; Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Providence Council No. 1, R.I.; Herald, Lodge Lecturer in the York Rite Cross of Honor; and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Mrs. Watson was raised on a 100 acre dairy farm with fifty head of cattle and numerous other animals in Warren, R.I. As a farmer's daughter, responsibility and hard work were ingrained in her, her two brothers, and a sister at an early age. She graduated from Warren High School with honors and was enrolled in the R.I. Honor Society. From Bryant College in Providence, R.I., now known as Bryant University, she received a Bachelor of Executive Secretarial Science Degree.

At Raytheon Company, Submarine Signal Division, Portsmouth, R.I., she began her career as Secretary to the Training and Development Manager in their Personnel Department. She was promoted to Benefits Administrator/Insurance Counselor.

In May, 1971, she and Duncan were married. They reside in Riverside, R.I.

After ten years of service at Raytheon, she left and furthered her career at the *Providence Journal* company, the only major newspaper in R.I. Employed in the Personnel Department, she was involved with labor relations, personnel, and employee benefits. She advanced to the corporate office and worked for the Executive Directors in broadcasting, community relations, and marketing research. After twenty-three years of service, she was affected by the Company's downsizing, became an early retiree, and took some well deserved time off. Her final employment destination was at the R.I. Department of Health as an Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of Environmental Health. She worked in that capacity for nine years and transferred to the R.I. Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline Department. In June, 2008, she retired to prepare for her duties and responsibilities as Supreme Worthy President in 2009-2010.

Mrs. Watson is a member of the MA/RI Past Grand Commanders Officers Wives Association, Santa's Workshop, and a Life/Endowment member of the National Rifle Association. She competed in high power rifle competition and won three medals. Her rifle, the AR-15, is the civilian model of the M-16 rifle used in Vietnam and currently in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Her Symbol is the Lion and the Lamb. Her Motto is, "Where there is Love, there is Life. Walk in Peace, Harmony, and Count God's Blessings." Two Bible scriptures have been selected: Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Matthew 7:7-8: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone who asks receives; and he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened."

Mrs. Watson reiterates continuation to aid our Sir Knights in supporting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with donations, honorariums, and memorials. The most beautiful gift of restoring someone's sight is a wondrous and thankful delight!



Twenty-four Florida Beauceant members (right) formed an honor guard for the incoming R.E.G.C., S.K. Ideal Baldoni, preceding the Grand Commandery Officers into the asylum during the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Florida.



During the Grand Conclave in Florida, seven new sisters (left) were initiated by the All State Class: Mrs. David Aponte, Mrs. Diana Bernhardt, Mrs. Larry Duff, Mrs. Robert Sever, and Mrs. Dencel Smith of Ocala No. 249 and Mrs. Ron Filpek and Mrs. Bruce Laubenheimer of Orlando No. 256. Pictured also are the President of Ocala, Mrs. Fred Piasecki, and the President of Orlando, Mrs. Ted Hammond. In robe third from the left is the President of the All State Class, Mrs. Leslie Loomis of Elizabethtown No. 265 (PA).



The All State Class (right) was comprised of members from many Assemblies. This year the President was Mrs. Leslie Loomis, No. 265, PA, and all others were from Florida. Oracle - Mrs. Steve Mitchell, No. 249; 1st VP - Mrs. Frank Sender, No. 256; 2nd VP - Mrs. Howard Gardner, No. 208; Preceptress - Mrs. George Wolf, No. 249; Recorder - Mrs. James Dickenson, No. 256; Treasurer - Mrs. James Wall, No. 249; Marshal - Mrs. Keith Dean, PSWP, No. 208; Asst. Marshal - Mrs. James Moore, No. 249; Chaplain - Mrs. Jackie Fox, No. 249; Director of Music - Mrs. Robert Beggs, No. 249; Standard Bearer - Mrs. William Graham, No. 209/208; Color Bearer - Mrs. Robert Birdsall, No. 208; Mistress of the Wardrobe - Mrs. Robert Grove, No. 209/208; Daughter of the Household - Mrs. Jean MacMullen, No. 249; Inner Guard - Mrs. Theodore Hammond, No. 256; and Outer Guard - Mrs. Ken West, No. 208.



Above: Mrs. Paul Case, PSWP, Natick No. 209/Tampa No. 208; Mrs. Leslie Loomis, PP, Elizabethtown No. 265; and Mrs. Keith Dean, PSWP, Tampa No. 208.



Elizabethtown Assembly No. 265, S.O.O.B. held a Special Meeting for the purpose of initiation at the 156th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania hosted by S.K. Leslie J. Loomis, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and Lady Sandy, Companion of the Temple, and held on May 17-20, 2009 at The Inn at Pocono Manor, Pocono Manor, PA. Members from seven different Assemblies (Elizabethtown No. 265, Carnegie No. 80, PA; Auburn No. 262, ME; Fredericksburg No. 266, VA; Warren No. 77, OH; Ocala No. 249, FL; and Port Arthur No. 160 TX) attended. Officers participating included Mrs. Thomas Miller, WP; Mrs. John Lewis, MWO; Mrs. John Ellermann, 1st VP; Mrs. Edwin Carpenter, (No. 266), 2nd VP; Mrs. Edward Scott, (No. 77) Preceptress; Mrs. Stephen Koonrad, Recorder; Mrs. Errol Betzenberger, Treasurer; Mrs. George Taylor, Marshal; Mrs. Gene Bower, PP, Assistant Marshal; Mrs. Leslie Loomis, PP, Chaplain; Mrs. Jacob Miller, Director of Music; Miss Donna Faub, PP, (No. 80) Standard Bearer; Mrs. Jerry Hamilton, Color Bearer; Mrs. Jay Eisenhauer, PP, Mistress of the Wardrobe; Mrs. Jeanette Rife, SMWO, (No. 160) Daughter of the Household and Ritualistic Instructor; Mrs. Alfred Much, Inner Guard; Mrs. Fred Lombard, PP, (No. 262) Supreme Jewelry Committee, Outer Guard; and Mrs. Jackie Fox (No. 249), escort for the candidates. Initiated were three new members: Mrs. James Donnon, Mrs. Robert Klein, and Mrs. Mahlon Ressel. The thirty-one (31) in attendance are pictured above.



Members of Elizabethtown Assembly No. 265 (Elizabethtown, PA) celebrated Christmas in July and put "love in action" for their benevolent project for Ronald McDonald House. Monetary donations, single serve food items, kitchen and office items, toiletries, and stuffed animals were donated for the wish list. Seated (l-r) are Mrs. Thomas Miller, Worthy President; Mrs. John Ellermann, First Vice President; and Mrs. Albert Miller, Project Chairman.

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A Photographic Sampler of Templar Jewels on Display at The House of the Temple

By
John L. Palmer

In September, we published an excellent article by Aimee E. Newell about the collection of Knight Templar Jewelry at the National Heritage Museum. I was fortunate to be able to photograph part of the collection of Templar jewelry at the museum in the House of the Temple in the District of Columbia and will share some of the photos with you here as a follow up to her article.



This elegant Past Commander's jewel obviously belonged to Eminent Sir Knight J. Walter Karsner of Columbia Commandery No. 2. It has a large diamond in the center and five



smaller ones on the top part. I show a close up of the top to point out the symbolism. Note the position of the points of the compasses and the interlaced triple triangles. This jewel was presented in 1923.



The Grand Encampment badge to the left was made for the 41st Triennial Conclave in Cleveland, Ohio in 1940.

If you have an unusual piece of Templar jewelry and would like to share, send photos electronically to the managing editor at the e-mail address on page three, and we will work them in as space permits.



As you can see, Sir Knight Karsner later became Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia as is evidenced by this Past Grand Commander's jewel. It is not improbable that the Grand Encampment Triennial badge on the previous page may have been the one he wore at the 41st Triennial. Note the different color of the right side of the wreath. Each side is composed of a different kind of leaf and has a different patina. There is also a large diamond in the center of this jewel.



The watch fob on the facing page is typical of many that were made around the turn of the century, but it has a larger number of jewels than average and is extremely well preserved. With five rubies and seventeen diamonds, it certainly catches your eye.

Note the symbolism surrounding the pendant shown below. One wonders if it was a lady's pendant. If so, there is an unusual amount of symbolism integrated into the design. I'll publish some more photos in the future if you are interested.



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at the Bookshelf

By
Sir Knight
Mark A. Tabbert

John D. Hamilton, Joseph Marino, and James Kaplan; *The American Fraternal Sword, An Illustrated Reference Guide*; Mowbray Publishing, Woonsocket, RI, 2009
ISBN: 1-931464-38-3 Price: \$79.99 Hardbound, 247 pages, 600 color illustrations.

Resident McKinley was a Knight Templar. He received the Masonic Orders of Knight Templars (KT) in Canton (OH) Commandery No. 28 in 1884. There is a well-known photograph of Sir Knight McKinley in his uniform and sword. When compared in *The American Fraternal Sword, An Illustrated Reference Guide*, it appears that McKinley owned an Ames manufactured sword (KM 291) found on page 155. This is how a curator or collector feeds his passion, and why such books are published.

Despite many recent fine books, including co-author John Hamilton's 1994 *Material Culture of American Freemasons*, historians continue to leave fraternal societies unexplored. Indeed, *The American Fraternal Sword* is written for collectors more than historians. That it is not written for Freemasons, Odd Fellows and other "fraternal knights" reveals the diminished state of fraternal societies.

Retired museum curator and executive director, and 33rd Degree Freemason John Hamilton provides most of the book's text, facts, and information. Although well presented and concise in a complex narrative,

the first chapter contains some inaccuracies and more than one oversight. For example, the phrase, "Freemasons . . . with roots said to be found among the stonemasons employed in building King Solomon's Temple" could have avoided that myth by simply stating that the fraternity began in Britain in the 1600s. Another example is the flamberge blade (wavy or undulating edges) does not refer to the burning bush of God, but the flaming sword carried by the angel who guards the Garden of Eden.

But this is a reference guide, and this is what makes it highly valuable. Organized alphabetically by organization, each entry combines information of three standard references: Albert Steven's *Cyclopedia of Fraternities* (1896 & 1907 editions), Arthur Preuss' *A Dictionary of Secret and Other Societies* (1924) and Alvin J. Schmidt's *Fraternal Organizations* (1980). It is Joseph Marion's and James Kaplan's vast sword collection (more than 2,000) that make the book. Within 170 pages, more than 300 fraternal organizations are cited with photographs of nearly 600 swords. This

includes a few swords that are not identified to an organization, such as "HW" (page 74) and conversely, such organizations as the Shield of Honor (p.199) that are listed despite lacking a sword to illustrate. The variety of swords is amazing, and the layout, photography, and printing allow close-up examination of the swords' ornate styles.

Parts III and VI, along with several appendices, provide more important details including lists of sword makers and distributors, sword inventions, and patents that allow mass manufacturing beginning after the Civil War. A time line of manufactures and a list of currently active sword manufacturers would have been helpful additions. The book concludes with seven appendices that include styles of crosses, fraternal motifs, statistics on membership, and other good information.

This excellent book should be required for every museum (both fraternal and non-fraternal) and every member of a fraternal order in the least bit interested in history. Certainly it compliments the several other fraternal regalia books published in the last 20 years.

Thanks to this guide, President William McKinley's KT sword is known. Although it is just one sword identified out of perhaps five million made, this excellent guide gives hope to collectors, curators, fraternal knights and grandchildren of members of so many "lost societies." Through it they may identify the remaining 4,999,999.

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