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# Grand Master's Message

The greatest gift of the Christmas season is HOPE. While hope is with us all year, the re-telling of the *greatest story ever told* brings it front and center more than at any other time of the year.

Hope is always with us if we but look around. Its ever present companion, OPPORTUNITY, accompanies it. One does not go without the other. We as Christians need to seek out those opportunities to be of service not only to our friends, family, and fraternity but to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. During these difficult financial times, opportunities to be of service appear all around us every day.

Templary, from its very founding has been geared toward service and helping our fellowman. During the Christmas season we are more aware of this than at any other time during the year. Our challenge is to make a habit of seeking out those opportunities to be of service throughout the year. In doing so, we will provide hope for those less fortunate. In doing so, we will complete the circle, and perhaps begin another round on the part of those who have received our service. For by giving them hope, they too will have the opportunity to be of service.

If we can do that one small thing during this Christmas season, perhaps we can start a process whereby the love of the Christmas season will permeate the whole world throughout the year and benefit us all. It is a lofty goal, but one worthy of all of us.

On behalf of the officers of the Grand Encampment, I wish for each of you a most enjoyable holiday season.



*William H. Koon, II*

William H. Koon, II, GCT  
Grand Master





# From the Grand Recorder's Office...



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# Prelate's Chapel

by

William D. Hartman, Chairman  
Religious Activities Committee  
of the

Grand Encampment

**T**wenty-one centuries ago shepherds were out in the fields around Bethlehem “keeping watch over their flocks by night” when behold, an angel of the Lord appeared. They lifted up their eyes to behold the glory of God come into their lives announcing the birth of His Son, the Savior of the world. Then a host of angels appeared above them, singing the praises of God. And with excitement and joy they hurried to Bethlehem to behold the infant born to Mary. I am sure that there were shadows around the manger that night as they looked on Mary, Joseph, and the baby. After all, there were no overhead lights, no fluorescent tubing, only maybe a candle or two; lots of shadows.

But I'm also sure that no one noticed the shadow of a cross over the manger that night. Not even the angels knew the plan of God on that starry night. They sang of a birth; no one thought of a death. Mary pondered many things throughout the next weeks, keeping them in her heart. Did she know, or even have an inkling about the destiny of this babe she held in her arms? Did Joseph suspect? Did the wise men see something in their starry charts?

We know! We know that we cannot be too often reminded that we are born to die. St. Paul knew when he told us that we are conceived in sin, born in sin, and that the wages of sin is death. What a nonsensical circumambulation! Birth, life, death – that's it? Why bother?

But John also knew. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Yes, the wages of sin is death. But there is one who holds the keys to hell and death. And because he lives, we too can live.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus, but somehow all the commercialism has wiped from our sight the reason for that birth. Not for toys and baubles, but for life – life everlasting. The price of sin had to be paid. The penalty had to be satisfied. No one here could do it. Only God holds the key to the darksome prison house of sin. Only the Lord of Life could conquer death. And so our Lord humbled himself to our flesh, lived thirty-three and a half years upon earth, suffered a painful and ignominious death for our redemption, arose triumphant from the grave on the third day, and ascended into heaven thus destroying death and restoring us to everlasting life. No, not just birth, life, and death – but also resurrection and ascension. This is the true gift of Christmas. This is true peace that passes all understanding which the world can neither give nor take away. Rejoice! The Savior of the world is born!

# GRAND MASTERS' REPORT

## 2009 GOALS AND RESOLUTIONS

Last January in the Grand Master's message, I listed the goals and resolutions of the Grand Encampment officers. As promised, I'm pleased to make the following report:

- **We resolve to have YRIS (York Right Information System) fully implemented with training for our Grand Recorders.** By the time you read this article (keep in mind it is being written in mid-October), I have been assured that YRIS will be fully operational and in the hands of the Recorders of our Commanderies. Some training has already taken place, and more is on the way.
- **We resolve to have the Grand Chapter & Grand Council portions of YRIS operational and available.** This entire process has been far more involved than we had imagined a year ago with the special intricacies of each of our York Rite Bodies. Even so, great progress has been made with regard to our Grand Chapters and Grand Council programs. Special thanks go to Sir Knights Andy Lovas and Kevin Samples for their invaluable assistance. We are progressing and close to having full implementation.
- **We resolve to make further improvements to the editorial content of the *Knight Templar* magazine.** The *Knight Templar* has far exceeded our wildest expectations in this past year. I think you will agree that we have come a long way in a very short amount of time. Special thanks to Sir Knights Sid Dorris, III, John Palmer, and our Editorial Review Board. They have made the *Knight Templar* the premier Masonic publication.
- **We resolve to have a 3 year and 6 year long range plan in place to be reported on next January in this publication.** The first long range planning meeting of Grand Encampment will take place on February 22 & 23, 2010, a little behind our original schedule. We do have several very specific long range plans that are already in implementation, though we have not listed them. We intend to have an article in the *Knight Templar* listing our long range plans in the spring of 2010.
- **We resolve to expand department conferences to include all officers, administrative officers of a Grand Commandery, and interested Sir Knights.** This has been an issue presented at our recent department conferences this fall, and we will continue to emphasize to our Grand Commandery officers the importance of attendance and participation of ALL of their officers at department conferences. The feedback we've received on the effectiveness, content, and value of our conference content is most encouraging.
- **We resolve to identify and involve untapped talent in our membership.** While this has been a project for this past year, it is a continuing one if we are to be successful. The recent appointments made to Grand Encampment Committees following the Triennial have been an attempt to involve promising talented Templars

in the process of leading our fraternity. You will definitely see a 'younger' group of committeemen and department commanders than in the past, because if we are to attract young men, we will do so by involving them in what we do. This is a process we need to develop at all levels of Templary.

One year ago we set lofty goals, well knowing that some would be met, others would need to be continued, but all the time realizing that without them we would not prosper. You alone will be the judge of our successes. It is our duty to report our progress, but the approval is yours alone.

Your Grand Encampment officers are pleased with much of our progress, realize more work needs to be done on other areas, and are up to the challenge! More is to come! Be sure and read the January Grand Master's Message to see what the resolutions for 2010 will be!



Fraternally,

### **PRELIMINARY EASTER - 2010**

The 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, will again be held on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, April 4, 2010, and will begin at 8:00 AM. This service will complete a memorable weekend of events in our nation's capital, including delegation dinners, tours, and Masonic fellowship. The Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Robert J. Cave, will conduct the Service.

### **HILTON ALEXANDRIA MARK CENTER**

The headquarters hotel will again be the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia, located approximately four miles from the memorial. Our special Knights Templar rate will be \$105.00 per room, based on double occupancy. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling 703-845-1010 or 800-HILTONS; (mention Knights Templar).

### **MEALS**

A meal package is available for \$45.00 per person, which includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast buffet. Order your meal tickets from the Grand Encampment office. Mail your check, payable to the Grand Encampment, to 5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire, TX 77401-2402. Additional tickets may be ordered separately: Saturday dinner, \$35.00; Sunday breakfast buffet, \$20.00. Seating at the Saturday night dinner will be assigned on a first come first served basis. If you would like to be seated together please send in your payment as a group.

**Note: The hotel and meal ticket cutoff date is March 1, 2010.** No tickets will be sold at the door.

### **GRAND COMMANDERS AND THEIR LADIES**

Grand Commanders and their ladies are invited to attend the Saturday dinner, courtesy of the Grand Encampment. **Prior reservation is required with the Grand Encampment office.**

### **OUR GRAND MASTER**

The Grand Master of the Grand Encamp-



ment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight William H. Koon, II, and his officers will greet everyone at the Sunday breakfast.

### **TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS**

On Saturday, April 3, 2010, at 10:15 AM, the Grand Commandery of Indiana will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery honoring their members who fell in combat as members of the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Additionally, the Grand Commandery of Georgia will lay a wreath at 11:15 AM. Everyone is invited to attend these events. Buses will leave the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center for Arlington National Cemetery at 8:45 AM. Buses will unload at the visitors' center for the short walk to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Trams will be available for those unable to walk to the Tomb. Buses will leave from the visitors' center, to return to the hotel, following the Georgia ceremony.

### **EASTER MORNING PROGRAM**

A breakfast buffet will be served beginning at 6:00 AM at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center on Easter morning. Buses will be available to leave at 6:30 AM to take the Sir Knights and their ladies to the George Washington Masonic Memorial for the Sunrise Service. The buses will return to the hotel after the service at about 9:30 AM.

### **PARADE INFORMATION**

The parade will form on the lane leading up the hill. Delegations will form according to their entry into the Grand Encampment, senior to junior, and markers for each will be in place. As in past years, the Maryland delegation in their black plumes will appear before the formal parade with drummers and form a passion cross in the stands. The Grand knight templar

Commandery of Maryland would also like to invite any Sir Knights who wear the black plume to join them in the formation of the Cross.

The parade will step off at 7:40 AM, proceed up the hill, render "Eyes Right" on passing the Grand Master and his staff, and then proceed into seats as directed. Colors will "Right Flank" at the podium and "Column Left" and "Column Right" and post the colors as directed. Parking for cars and buses is available at the top of the hill next to the Memorial. However, no vehicles will be permitted up the roadway after 7:30 AM.

### **OTHER DETAILS**

Delegations desiring to make any special group arrangements should call the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Delegations staying at other locations must provide their own transportation.

Recognition is made to the Grand Commandery having the most Sir Knights in uniform in the parade and to the Grand Commandery having the highest percentage of its members in uniform in the parade.

**Reservations must be made for rooms, meals, and any other activities by March 1, 2010.**

GRAND COMMANDERS ARE REQUESTED TO APPOINT A DELEGATION CHAIRMAN AND NOTIFY GRAND RECORDER, SIR KNIGHT LAWRENCE E. TUCKER, 5909 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 495, BELLAIRE, TX 77401-2402; TELEPHONE NO: OFFICE: (713) 349-8700; FAX: (713) 349-8710, E-MAIL: john@gektusa.org in order to receive information concerning this event and to facilitate adequate planning!

Your Grand Encampment Officers are looking forward to greeting you in Alexandria next April!

## A Chat With The Managing Editor

Your response to our last, year-long series of articles about the Chinon Parchment was overwhelmingly positive, so this month we begin another series. I met Dr. David Harrison at the International Conference on the History of Freemasonry in Edinburgh last spring. He has done a good deal of research about the three degrees of symbolic Freemasonry, and I asked him if he would share some of his work with us. We will also be reviewing his book, *The Genesis of Freemasonry*, at some point in the Knights at the Bookshelf section. Like the last series, this material will take several months to publish so it will be spread monthly during the next year. Be sure to let us know if this sort of thing continues to interest you as I am currently pursuing some additional series of interest to Templars.

This year, I have had the opportunity to deal each day with the finest Christian gentlemen on the face of the earth. I have found that working with you Sir Knights has been a pure delight, and I hope that I will be allowed to continue to do so for some time to come. We are looking forward to great things for Templary next year.

Glenda and I (and Precious, the assistant editor) wish for you a blessed Christmas season and the most wonderful year 2010.

Merry Christmas!

John L. Palmer  
Managing Editor

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## Letters to the Editor



Brother Palmer;

Mr. Palmer;

I just received the latest issue of *Knight Templar* last night and read it front to back in one evening. I felt compelled to drop you a line to say what a good job you are doing. I am enjoying the articles very much, and I keep an issue or two in my car most of the time to have handy for "wait times" – waiting to get my annual physical, Dentist's office, waiting for my wife to meet me somewhere, etc. Reading your magazine is like having a conversation with a well-informed brother. Even when I have read an article previously, I often find things of interest I didn't notice the first time. I think printing in color is a very welcome enhancement, and I don't find the ads a distraction at all, quite the contrary.

I have been a York Rite Mason, as well as Scottish Rite, for well over thirty years and only just in the last few years have been building a list of vendors on the internet from whom my brothers and I can get different Masonic items. Most new Masons don't have a clue where to get a ring or lapel pin. Jewelers don't carry Masonic merchandise like in years past, and you sure can't bop down to the mall and find anything except possibly between Thanksgiving and New Years. I think you are performing a service to the brothers by having the ads, to say nothing of helping cover the magazine production costs. Whoever suggested running ads in the magazine should be congratulated.

Keep up the good work.

Respectfully and Fraternally  
Tom Lewis, Jr 32° KT

*As long as you guys keep buying their merchandise, I hope they will keep paying for the color in the magazine.*

*The Ed.*

I was reading the *Knight Templar* magazine June 2009, and on page 10 you commented on seeing a connection between the Knights Templar and the Shroud of Turin. You are right. Read the book *The Second Messiah* by Christopher Knight and Robert Lomas, and you will be totally convinced by the facts. I could tell you, but I would ruin the truth contained in an outstanding book by two English Freemasons. You will know the truth of whose face appears on the Shroud of Turin by the book's ending page.

On page 11, there is a letter dealing with Roman Catholicism and Freemasonry. I have enclosed six pages photocopied from a book I had read before I joined Freemasonry. Basically, a Catholic can join Freemasonry so long as the Masonic group does not promote mercenary activity against the Catholic Church. I hope I have helped in our search for truth and light in Freemasonry.

Sincerely,  
Michael E. Zanella

*Michael,*

*I read The Second Messiah shortly after it was published, but I am still not convinced of their theory. Those guys write very entertaining books, and I think I have every one of them, but I struggle with their logic when they set about to prove something. I'll try to do some more research in this area. I understand that the shroud will be on display again next year. Maybe I'll go over there and take a look for myself.*

*The Ed.*

*Michael sent me pages 244-253 of The Brotherhood by Stephen Knight in support of his comment on the Catholic Church.*

Editor Sir Knight John Palmer,

After reading Sir Knight Jay T. King's article in the April 2009 *Knight Templar* magazine I feel compelled to respond. In his article he seems to portray himself as one of the few who is able to be a defender of the faith. First, let me say there is little room for us to judge one another, and it is questionable that the heavy handed approach this article took reflects the message Jesus was teaching. To love wastefully and care greatly for all mankind would likely be a more accurate reflection of His message. With respect to the judgment issue, I personally, have always thought that I should leave the judgment task to the Almighty.

There was a time early in the Christian story when it was believed that God lived just above the firmament [in the sky] then along came Copernicus and Galileo, and they put that "noble truth" to rest. There are untold examples of how religious belief paradigms have given away to scientific discovery, yet many in orthodox Christianity have held on to those beliefs to the point of ridiculousness. This, in my opinion, is why people are moving away from religion, and our society is becoming more and more secular. The idea of heaven and hell is another example of a destructive religious dogma. This dogma has moved the Christian story of hope and love, to one of guilt, and is a profoundly destructive device which over hundreds of years has been used to control the believers.

The story of Jesus being raised up is another story that provided deep meaning to the profound teachings of the Christ story 2000 years ago, however in today's world, because of current understandings in science [which 2000 years

ago they did not have], this is not believable as a literal event, but if one looks at that same story within an allegorical framework, the Christ story is as profound today as it was at the time it was first told.

If change in the understanding of the Christ story is blasphemous in Sir Jay's mind, then perhaps I, like many others who as Sir Jay writes are not conducting a war against anyone who does not see it in the light of the literalist interpretation of scripture, are not deserving of being a Templar. As a Templar, I defend Sir Jay's right to enjoy the freedom of his own personal faith. But for the many others, I suggest respectfully the same be allowed. As each person walks his or her path towards God, they too will find meaning for their being. The greatest of all Jesus teachings: love one another [love lavishly and wastefully without ceasing] should be foremost in our thoughts as we walk that path and when we find ourselves looking at the other person and thinking [or saying out loud] un-loving thoughts, remember another of Jesus' teaching – let he who is guilt free throw the first stone.

We suspect, since we are all God's children, and since he is a loving and forgiving God, we will all likely end up in the same place. See you there one day.

Sir Knight Dr. Ronald O. Williams

*I can't help but give my two cents worth on this one. Although I respect your right to an opinion, without the resurrection of Christ, there is, in my opinion, no Christian faith. I certainly hope for your sake that your last paragraph is true.*

*The Ed.*

december 2009

# Meet Our New Department Commanders

## SIR KNIGHT TERRY L. PLEMONS

### RIGHT EMINENT SOUTHEAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 2009 – 2011

Terry L. Plemons was born in 1963 in Rome, Georgia the son of Lewis and Glenda (Tierce) Plemons and was educated in the public schools of Floyd County GA. He is employed by McKee Foods Corporation (Little Debbie Snack Cakes) in the marketing and sales department. Sir Knight Plemons was married to Karen Lynn Wade in 1987, and they have been blessed with two wonderful children; Mary Elizabeth 19 and Samuel Lewis 16. He is a member of Oakwood Baptist Church where he has served as deacon, Sunday School teacher, and committeeman.

Brother Plemons was raised in Harrison Lodge No. 114 F. & A.M. in 1993, received a proficiency card one month after being raised and in 1996 affiliated with Chattanooga Lodge No. 199 F. & A.M. where he is Past Master and Secretary. He has served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Georgia, County Co-Chairman, the Appeals and Grievances Committee, and the Masonic Board of Relief.

Companion Plemons is a Past High Priest and Secretary of John Bailey Nicklin Chapter No. 49 R.A.M., a President of the Tennessee Council of Anointed High Priests, Grand Chaplain, chairman of the committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance, chairman of the committee on ritual, and is a holder of the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal. He is Past Illustrious Master and Recorder of Mount Moriah Council No. 95 C.M.

Sir Knight Plemons is a Past Commander and Recorder of Lookout Commandery No. 14 K.T., has received the Knight Templar of the Year Award from Lookout Commandery No. 14, the Knight Crusader of the Cross, and is a member of the Knight Commander's Asylum No. 2. He served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee in 2003 and is currently serving as District Instructor and Chairman of the Knights Templar Education Committee. He received the Grand Commanders award in Georgia in 2004 & 2007. In the Grand Encampment, he has been honored with the Knight Commander of the Temple Award, has served as Aide de Camp to the Grand Captain General and Grand Generalissimo, and served as the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee during the 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial.

Brother Plemons is a member of the Valley of Chattanooga Scottish Rite Bodies, currently serves as Commander of Kadosh, is degree master for the 14<sup>th</sup> Degree, is chairman of the valley's educational program, received the KCCH in 1997, and was coroneted a 33<sup>rd</sup> in 2003.

He is Chief Adept of Tennessee College Masonic S.R.I.C.F., Holy Manger Tabernacle Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests and a Past Governor and Secretary Cherokee of York Rite College No. 152 and has received the Order of the Purple Cross, the Distinguished Service Award, and the Athelstan Medal.

He is Herald of Tennessee Priory No. 15 KYCH, Past Excellent Chief of Gaelic Council No. 60 Knight Masons, Past Sovereign of Tennessee Council No. 341 AMD, and Secretary of Verbum In Terra Council No. 438. He is also a Past Sovereign of Saint Gregory's Conclave Red Cross of Constantine.

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Lakewood, WA 28-Sep-2009

**748 Amos Glen Welborn**

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## IN MEMORIAM



**Harley Lloyd Hogstrom**

Wisconsin

Grand Commander 1983

Born: January 31, 1920

Died: January 7, 2009

**Henry G. Law**

Delaware

Grand Commander 1991

Born: September 3, 1940

Died: September 19, 2009

**L. Richard Duross**

Maine

Grand Commander 2002

Born: June 3, 1932

Died: August 2, 2009



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General Chairman  
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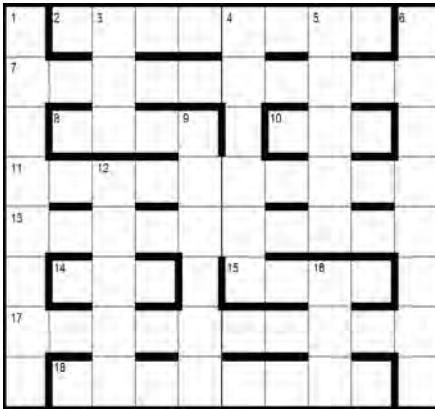
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by Loki

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# Knights Templar Cross of Honor Templary's Highest Award

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# SALUTING OUR GRAND COMMANDERS

Congratulations are extended from our Most Eminent Grand Master, William Howard Koon, II and the grand officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., to the newly elected Grand Commanders of the Grand Commanderies under their jurisdiction. As a part of this salute to their dedication and tireless service to Templary, *Knight Templar* magazine is printing the names and the available pictures of the Sir Knights who will serve as Grand Commanders for the current Templar year.

The Grand Commanders, whose pictures appear on these pages, will be the guiding hands on the tiller of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.



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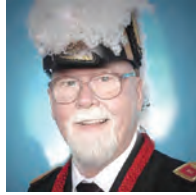
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# The Masonic Enlightenment

## Desaguliers and the Birth of Modern Freemasonry

by

Dr. David Harrison

London in the early eighteenth century was laced with a network of social and political clubs and societies meeting at coffee houses, chop houses, and taverns under the shadow of St. Paul's Cathedral. This was an exciting period, and these spaces hummed with discussions of the political philosophy of Locke, potential money making projects, and the experimental natural philosophy of Newton. These establishments provided, in effect, a kind of free club where gentlemen and not so refined men could find like-minded company, read the latest pamphlets, conduct business affairs, and aspire to some serious networking. The most important and fashionable of the societies which met in these establishments was Freemasonry. Its reorganization in 1717 and subsequent modernization created a larger national matrix of patronization under the new Grand Lodge. Politics, despite the law of neutrality within a lodge, still became an issue for Freemasons during this time. More obviously, the centralized control of Freemasonry as a secret society became vitally important during this sensitive political period.

### The Search for Lost Knowledge and the Revision of Ritual

By giving Freemasonry an organized context centered in London, lodges throughout the country could be brought into line. This focus was underlined in 1723 when the new *Constitutions of knight templar*

*Freemasons* was published to standardize the rules and regulations of the modernized society. This was seen as the culmination of a rejuvenation of the Craft, and was brought to fruition by the vigor of the Reverend Dr. James Anderson and the Reverend Dr. Jean Theophilus Desaguliers, two Protestant ministers who were staunch Whig supporters. However, Freemasonry was still undergoing a transitional phase, and by 1738 the *Constitutions* needed to be updated as the Craft developed. A Grand Lodge meeting finally approved this new edition with the addition of a new regulation<sup>1</sup> and met at the infamous Devil Tavern in January 1738. Here both Anderson and Desaguliers carefully directed the proceedings and successfully introduced the new procedures.<sup>2</sup> The regulation change indicated that Freemasonry was still in flux, even at this late stage, and hints at the deeper changes which had taken place in the ritual.

The 1723 edition of the *Constitutions* had also stated that the charges were “for the use of the Lodges in London”, but it is apparent that Desaguliers had Masonic interests further a field. He had attended the Lodge of Edinburgh in St. Mary's Chapel while visiting Scotland in 1721, and a few years later in 1723, a copy of Anderson's *Constitutions* was presented to the Lodge of Dunblane. By 1725, lodges in Chester, Bath, Bristol, Norwich, Chichester, Reading, Gosport, Warwick, and Carmarthen had all come under the sway of the new “Premier” Grand Lodge. By

1735, the new Grand Lodge published its *List of Regular Lodges* which counted 134 lodges in all, including lodges as far away as India, Boston, and a number of lodges in France.<sup>3</sup> Visits to Grand Lodge meetings from other provinces also became a regular occurrence such as in 1733 when the Provincial Grand Master from South Wales visited a Grand Lodge gathering at the Devil Tavern in London. It is clear that the Grand Lodge quickly spread its influence with the changes in the ritual simultaneously being absorbed.

These ritual changes date to the early 1720's and occur after Desaguliers visited the Lodge of Edinburgh that met at St. Mary's Chapel. It has been discussed by many Masonic historians, including Gould and Waite, that elements of what was to become the third degree ritual were designed during this period, the implication being that the changes were influenced from what Desaguliers had witnessed in the lodge in Scotland.<sup>4</sup> He had certainly taken an active part in what was termed "*the Admission and Passing of various honourable persons*" during his visit, and the Lodge of Edinburgh was the most organized in Scotland, its minute books dating back to 1599. Though this reference may only reflect the terms casually used for "entered apprentice" and "fellow craft", it is not improbable that the ritual was conducted differently to the English ritual using different symbolism.<sup>5</sup>

With the destruction of Masonic documents at this time it certainly seems that the "Premier/Modern" Grand Lodge had purposely re-written Masonic history. Indeed, the new *Constitutions* in 1723 confirmed that centralised control was being asserted. Paradoxically, despite this destruction of Masonic documents, Desaguliers is mentioned in many Ma-

sonic histories as actually having collected ancient Masonic documents. These documents appear to have been various versions of the *Old Charges*, which were adapted by Anderson and Desaguliers for the new *Constitutions* in 1723.<sup>6</sup> An example of this happened the previous year when Desaguliers had been presented with a collection of "*curious Writings*" during a visit to Christopher Wren's old lodge.<sup>7</sup>

At a Grand Lodge meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, 1721, Anderson was ordered to digest all the copies of the old "*Gothic Constitutions*" and write a new *Book of Constitutions*. In the following meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, the Grand Master, the Duke of Montagu, a staunch Whig, appointed fourteen "learned Brothers" to examine Anderson's draft manuscript of the new *Constitutions* and to make alterations where necessary. During this same meeting it is stated that there were lectures given by some old Masons. What the content of these lectures were is not recorded, but the creative atmosphere surrounding the writing of the new *Constitutions* had certainly influenced an educational and historical review of Freemasonry. The next meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March witnessed the fourteen Brethren reporting on their examination of Anderson's draft "manuscript", and after making some amendments, they had approved the "*History, Charges, Regulations, and the Master's Song*" of the new *Constitutions*, which was then ordered to be printed.<sup>8</sup>

Anderson, who was chaplain to the pro-Hanoverian Earl of Buchan, actually published a work in 1732 that, similar to the *Constitutions*, celebrated the Hanoverian dynasty entitled *Royal Genealogies*. The pro-Hanoverian stance



presented in Anderson's *Constitutions* became entwined with the history of Freemasonry, and the 1738 edition was actually dedicated to Frederick, Prince of Wales. In the same edition, the very paragraph describing the decision to form the new Grand Lodge in 1717 began with a mention of "King George I entering London most magnificently on September 20, 1714".<sup>9</sup> George I is also celebrated in the original 1723 edition as personally sending an envoy to take part in the procession and ceremony to lay the foot stone of the rebuilt St. Martin's in the Fields in 1721 with a number of Freemasons.<sup>10</sup> The pro-Hanoverian stance continued throughout later editions, with the 1769 edition for example detailing the death of George I, and thenceforth celebrating George II.<sup>11</sup> Desaguliers has been credited with the "preparation" of the general regulations for the *Constitutions*,<sup>12</sup> and he certainly contributed to the first edition in 1723, having penned the dedication at the front of the work.

Anderson was a minister of the Scots Church at Swallow Street, St. James', Westminster and had previously published a number of long-winded Sermons. One such Sermon, entitled *No King-Killers*, published in London in 1715, described how Jerusalem had been a "Rebellious City" with the rebels "hindering the rebuilding of the city and temple of Jerusalem...troubling them in building" which not only directly referred to the re-building of Solomon's Temple, but at the time of publication, also hinted at parallels with the political situation in London and the Jacobite reaction to the coronation of George I.<sup>13</sup> Both Anderson and Desaguliers were ministers who had an in-depth knowledge of the Old-Testament, and this would have certainly

assisted them in the re-writing of the Masonic ritual.

## To be continued next month

### End Notes

<sup>1</sup> Anderson, *Constitutions*, 1738, 176.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., 138.

<sup>3</sup> *A List of Regular Lodges according to their Seniority & Constitution*. Printed for & Sold by I. Pine, Little Brittain end in Aldergate Street, London, 1735.

<sup>4</sup> A. E. Waite, *New Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry*, Vol. I, Wings Books, 1996, 332-335. Desaguliers' visit to the Scottish Lodge in Edinburgh in 1721 is also discussed in D. Stevenson, *Origins of Freemasonry*, Aberdeen, 1988, 199.

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<sup>6</sup> K. Mackenzie, *The Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia*, Worcester, 1987, 154-5 and 468. Desaguliers' collection of old Masonic documents is also mentioned in Waite, *New Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry*, Vol. I, 183.

<sup>7</sup> C. N. Batham, *The Grand Lodge of England (1717) and its Founding Lodges*, AQC (1993), 103, 22-52, on p.28.

<sup>8</sup> See the early minutes of the "Premier/Modern" Grand Lodge in Anderson, *Constitutions*, London, 1769, 203.

<sup>9</sup> Anderson, *Constitutions*, 1738, 109.

<sup>10</sup> Anderson, *Constitutions*, 1723, 44.

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**THE APARTMENT OF THE GRAND PRELATE**  
*And*  
**THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Year of Our Lord 2009

To all Valiant and Magnanimous Knights of the Temple, wheresoever dispersed throughout Christendom –  
Salutations and Knightly Greetings:

**A TOAST TO OUR MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER**

In the Gospel of Matthew we read that an Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and informed him that Mary would give birth to a son adding “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew adds that this was done so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel.”

With these words we can see that the very essence of Christmas is HOPE. The coming of Christ announces a new beginning for the world. God is with humanity, there will be redemption and a new way of doing things. There will be no need to look to the past for there is now a bright new day for all mankind.

This bright new day of hope is especially present in all of Christendom including Knights Templary. Grand Master, your visionary outlook has been evidence of this hope as you have sought to renew Templary here in the United States and by the expansion of the Grand Encampment to other areas of the world including Romania, Togo and elsewhere. It is also seen in your inspirational encouragement concerning the future of Templary.

And so as we celebrate Christmas this year we affectionately offer this toast to you and Lady Elizabeth. May your radiant hope permeate not only Templary but your life and that of your family as well, and may the blessings of Christmas be with you and yours now and throughout the coming year.

In Christ's name,

The Committee on Religious Activities  
Rev. William Hartman, P. C. C., Chairman  
Rev. Robert J. Cave, P. G. C., Grand Prelate

*(This toast was prepared by Reverend and Sir Knight Robert J. Cave, R. E. Grand Prelate)*



## GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE

To the Grand Prelate, the Committee on Religious Activities and to all Sir Knights, wheresoever dispersed: Greetings!

My thanks to the Right Eminent Grand Prelate and Committee on Religious Activities for a most meaningful and humbling toast.

In the Toast just given, our Grand Prelate and the Committee reference the importance of "Hope" particularly during the Christmas season, and rightfully so. Without hope, life is indeed meaningless. Hope surrounds us at every point in our daily walk, and its companion 'opportunity' is always nearby. Hope is around every corner if we but see it, and when we do, may we utilize the opportunities given us each day.

The officers and membership of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America join me and Lady Elizabeth in expressing our best wishes to you and your family this Christmas Season.

As we celebrate this holiday season, let us remember, "Hope is ours if we seize it, every day".

In His Service,

⚔ *William H. Koon II.*

William H. Koon, II, GCT  
Grand Master



*The foregoing Toast to the Most Eminent Grand Master and his response thereto are transmitted to you with the request that you extend an invitation through the proper offices to all Sir Knights within your jurisdiction to join in the sentiments thus conveyed at some convenient hour, on or near the birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day, December twenty-fifth, in the Year of Grace 2009.*

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

1	H	2	Y	D	R	3	A	4	C	5	O	L	6	A	7	S
8	J	E	9	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	I					
10	C	G	11	E	X	I	L	E	12	R	E	S				
13	A	G	E	I	S	M	14	C	E	N	T					
15	B	16	U	F	F	17	T	E	M	P	L	E				
	A	R	S	20	P	L	A	T	O	I	R					
	L	21	A	R	I	S	T	O	T	L	E					
22	A	L	I	E	N	23	S	Y	S	O	P					


**DOWN**

2. Y + EGG
3. A + SIS
5. (s)OLE hidden
6. A + MEN
7. SITTER with T changed to S
9. FREES anagram
10. CAB + ALA
12. REP. + O(ld) T(estament)
16. LARU(e) reversed
18. TEAS anagram
19. L'IL + O'
20. (ste)P I E(nvision) hidden

**ACROSS**

1. (s)HY DRA(gon) hidden
4. C(ost) O(f) L(iving) A(llowance)S
8. JAMES RULE anagram
11. EX + ILE
13. (r)AGE IS M(eant) hidden
14. C + TEN anagram
15. BUFF double definition
17. TEMP. + L. + E.
20. PLAT + O
21. ARISE > TOT + L.
22. A + LIEN
23. POSY'S reversed

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## Handcrafted Antique Maltese Cross Quilt

A wonderful gift was given to the 2010 Hostess Group to aid in funding expenses for the Supreme Assembly to be held in Cedar Rapids in September, 2010. Mrs. Robert Breckenridge, PP of Cedar Rapids Assembly No. 87, Iowa, was given the antique quilt pictured below. The quilt was crafted by the late (Mrs. Lloyd) Nellie Irona McCure Frost, the Worthy President of Ottumwa Assembly No. 9, Iowa, in 1974. Ottumwa Assembly consolidated with Cedar Rapids Assembly just a few years ago.

The quilt is from the 1920's and measures 48" x 72". Its design is of Red Maltese Crosses, hand appliquéd and hand quilted on a white background. Remarkably, it has not discolored through the years.



Sometime after Mrs. Frost passed away, her family found this quilt in a box in the attic when a relative's home was being sold (along with about six other quilts denoting other organizations). This fantastic handcrafted quilt is in mint condition. The tiny stitches and lovely work were certainly done by the hands of someone who loved our Order.

Opportunities are available for a donation of \$1.00 for each ticket or six for \$5.00. To obtain tickets or further information regarding the quilt, contact (Mrs. James) Jeanne Karnegis, 20975 Bonanza Blvd., Elkhorn, NE 68022-1838, phone (402) 289-2295, or email [elkbits@earthlink.net](mailto:elkbits@earthlink.net).





# Knights



## at the Bookshelf

By

Sir Knight Mike Shively

***Fraternal Regalia I: Knights Templar - A collector's guide to the Orders, Degrees, activities, Uniforms, Swords, regalia, and Collectible Souvenirs of the Commandery of the Knights Templar of York Rite Freemasonry*** By Michael C. MacDonald; New Columbia Publishing, Boulder Creek, CA 2008. Available with free shipping direct from the author at [www.internetsword.com](http://www.internetsword.com) secure PayPal or via eBay ([www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)) in the Masonic Books Section. Find it by searching for the phrase "Fraternal Regalia".

This is an interesting book to review inasmuch as the author identifies himself as a collector with no Masonic affiliation. He also states that the purpose for his book is to assist collectors like him to identify Templar items of interest to the collector. As with many who claim no Masonic or Templar affiliation, Mr. MacDonald feels compelled to explain the Orders of the Commandery and misses the import of the Orders to Knights Templar.

Mr. MacDonald goes to great length to quote the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Encampment, and it is an excellent resource as a reference for the collector or Templar. He does however, miss the designation by the Grand Encampment of the White Uniform which was first edicted in 1859 as a white surcoat or tunic worn over a black coat. I can find no further reference utilizing the word "white" as a type of uniform. In 1862 due to many objections to the cost and inability to keep the tunic clean, a Templar uniform was adopted that consisted of a black frock coat, black pantaloons, scarf, sword, belt, shoulder straps, gauntlets, and chapeau, with appropriate trimmings.

In subsequent chapters he describes the "white" and "black" uniform, referring to the regulations adopted in 1862 and each Triennial thereafter. He does note that the various Grand Commanderies and in some cases constituent Commanderies still chose to utilize uniforms that they had been utilizing since their inception or had adopted as a special distinction. I also found no discussion of the long surcoat with raised collar vs. the later version with flat collar and lapel.

Throughout the book there are excellent pictures of Templar regalia, drill teams (both mounted and marching), Sir Knights in uniform, and especially the badges, pins, jewels, and medals developed by Commanderies for their officers, members, and ladies and for use during travel to Triennial Conclaves.

The chapter about Knights Templar Swords should be helpful to both the collector and Sir Knight as he attempts to determine the origin or dating of a particular sword. The pictures are extremely clear and detailed.

I feel that any collector could use this book as a starting reference for Knights Templar regalia. This is not a sit down and read book, but one that a Knight or collector would relish as a thumb through and coffee table reference that would evoke a discussion of Templary, its uniforms, and the evolution of our Fraternity.

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