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# Grand Master's Message

## 2010 New Year's Message

"Whatever you vividly imagine, ardently desire, sincerely believe, and enthusiastically act upon ... must inevitably come to pass!" – Paul J. Meyer.

With this quote, your Grand Encampment officers 'enthusiastically' announce the New Year's resolutions for this Templar year:



- 1. We resolve to provide leadership training to all of our upcoming Grand Commandery officers.**
- 2. We resolve to enhance the ability of our charities to be more inclusive of those Sir Knights under our banner around the world.**
- 3. We resolve to have the Grand Chapter & Grand Council portions of YRIS fully developed and available.**
- 4. We resolve to make further improvements to the *Knight Templar* magazine. We must continue to develop this communication resource as the premier Masonic publication.**
- 5. We resolve to have a 3 year and 6 year long range-plan in place to be reported on in this publication in the next few months.**

In announcing our New Year's resolutions, I would leave you with another quote. "You can't win the raffle if you don't buy the ticket." – Ally McBeal. The success of our fraternity depends on all of us. From the Grand Encampment officers, Grand Commandery officers, Commandery officers, and you, our members, we hope that you will help us 'win the raffle' by 'buying a ticket' and becoming an active part of this great undertaking we call Templary.

Happy New Year!



⚔ *William H. Koon, II.*

William H. Koon, II, GCT  
Grand Master

# From the Grand Recorder's Office...



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# Prelate's Chapel

## Guest Article

by

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Dear Right Eminent Grand Prelate,

I write in response to your invitation for an article as you requested in the November 2009 edition of our fine *Knight Templar* magazine.

While I agree with your implicit observation that many current Knights of the Temple have been designed by Almighty God for a more “speculative” military mission than our ancient brethren, the legendary “operative” Knights Templar, I feel inspired to write that I regard myself as both an operative AND speculative Sir Knight.

I was made a Mason in my heart after September 11, 2001, when I found myself squarely facing deployment to war in Afghanistan as a National Guard officer ordered to support Operation Enduring Freedom, the United States’ first salvo in the Global War on Terrorism. As a lawyer in regular life but an artilleryman one weekend a month, I questioned for the first time what it meant to be a “Christian soldier.” I read and considered whatever I could find of value on the question, and I eventually studied aspects of the Holy Bible that I had not esteemed in the past. I was reminded that the Almighty saw fit to destroy enemies through force of arms quite often before the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. His destructive power—unleashed through the hands of His Chosen People—is vividly described throughout the Old Testament. Though less frequently recorded in the New Testament, God’s authority for His people to fight as “agents of justice on earth” can be found there as well. My tranquility of mind about military action was restored when I read Romans 13:4, describing a Christian’s duty to submit to military and peace officers:

**“For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.” (*Holy Bible, King James Version.*)**

Who among us Knights is not in awe of General George Washington as depicted on bended knee at Valley Forge—chapeau deposited upon the snow, with his sword sheathed and his fingers interlaced; his head bowed in prayer to the Supreme Deity? When I learned that General Washington was a Freemason, I knew I had found a home.

For me Masonry is a deeply spiritual institution that helps men subdue their natural passions and disciplines them to become “ministers of God” as in Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans. A man’s base instinct and immature strength might otherwise turn him into one who “doeth evil.” Yet that same man, now influenced by the pure principles of Freemasonry, may by God’s will be transformed into a Sir Knight—one who will honorably and courageously bear his sword as a true “minister of God.”

# Meet Our New Department Commanders

**HOWARD FELLOWS ENTWISTLE, JR.**

**RIGHT EMINENT SOUTH CENTRAL DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 2009 – 2011**

Sir Knight Howard Fellows Entwistle, Jr. was born in 1944 to Howard F. and Eileen M. Entwistle in Fairfield, California. He was educated in the Illinois educational systems including the University of Illinois. He is currently the senior regional sales manager for Endress + Hauser, Inc.

He served in the United States Air Force during Vietnam, married Nona Sue Durham of Shreveport in 1995, and now resides in the town of Stonewall, Louisiana. He has two sons and one stepson, Steven Howard Entwistle, Stacy Dean Entwistle, and Sonny Byron Cunningham. He belongs to Yellowpine Christian Church in Yellowpine, Louisiana and was a charter member, President of the Board, and volunteer fireman of the North Desoto Volunteer Fire Department.

Sir Knight Entwistle is twice Past Master of Caddo Lodge No. 179 F.&A.M. Shreveport, Louisiana, Past Master and Past Treasurer of Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, and Associate Grand Chaplain for the Grand Lodge F.&A.M. of Louisiana. He is Past High Priest of Shreveport Chapter No. 10 R.A.M. and of Babylon Chapter No. 66 Kenner, Louisiana, Grand Representative to Texas, Past High Priest of the 1<sup>st</sup> Capitular District, Past Grand High Priest of R.A.M. of Louisiana, and Past Louisiana Ambassador for the General Grand Chapter. Howard is Past Illustrious Master of Shreveport Council No. 23, New Orleans Council No. 35, and St. Bernard Council U.D. R.&S.M., Junior Warden of the Order of the Silver Trowel, Past D.D.G.M. for the Grand Council of C.M. of LA, Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana, and General Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Council.

Sir Knight Entwistle is Past Commander of Ascension Commandery No. 6 and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 19, Knight Crusader of the East of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross, Grand Representative to Texas, Knight Commander of the Temple, and Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Louisiana.

He is a Past Prior of Louisiana Priory No. 43, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, a member of Shreveport and New Orleans Consistories of Scottish Rite Valleys of Louisiana, a 33<sup>rd</sup> Inspector General Honorary, Past Commander of Kadosh, Past Venerable Master of the Knights of St. Andrew, Past Captain of N.W. Temple Guard, member of ElKarubah Temple of the A.A.O.N.M.S., Past Master of the LA Lodge of Research, Past Excellent Chief of Tara Council No. 29 Knight Masons, Eminent Viceroy of St. Matthew Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Almoner of Dr. George M. Patrick No. 44 St. Thomas of Acon, Primate of LA York Rite College No. 99, Steward of the Order of High Priesthood, member of Kachina Billiken Klub, Victory Chapter No. 130 O.E.S., High Twelve Club No. 258, Knight Preceptor of Texas, The Forty-Fivers, Dormer Masonic Study Circle, Masonic Study Society, Allied Masonic Degrees, Honorary Legion of Honor Order of DeMolay, John of Patmos No. 42 HRAKTP, The Royal Order of Scotland, Cholula Teocalli No. 33 Order of Quetzalcoatl, and Masonic Societas Rosicruciana.



Photo of this and the Department Commanders in the previous two issues by John Westervelt

# Knighly News

## Knights Templar Eye Foundation Awards Research Grant to Seek Cure for Blindness in Infants

By

Sir Knight Robert W. Waldron , Right Eminent Grand Commander of Tennessee

Sir Knights Robert Waldron, Grand Commander; James Hafner, Grand Treasurer; James Harber, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee; and Laddie Wilson, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee met with Ashwath Jayagopal PhD at Vanderbilt School of Medicine for a grant presentation from the Knights Templar Eye



Foundation in the amount of \$35,00.00. Dr. Jayagopal is of Indian heritage but was born in New York City and raised in New Orleans from the age of one. Being a researcher, he had done his homework on the Templars and was very well versed on the history of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation as well as to the history of the original Templars.

New born babies who are very early term are subject to blindness due to the over production of blood vessels in the retina of the eye. The over production of these vessels causes the retina to detach from the eye and causes blindness. Dr. Jayagopal's research is trying to find a drug therapy to prevent the development of the excess blood vessels.

Dr. Jayagopal is only 28 years old and exhibits a singular determination for the field of research he has chosen. We all wish him success in his pursuits and have asked him to update us on the progress he is making. He has consented to be at the inspection of Nashville Commandery No. 1 to give an overview of his work.



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Jesse C. Ephlin  
Arkansas

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Born: April 11, 1945  
Died: November 4, 2009

Richard Lee Graff  
Illinois

Grand Commander: 1985  
Born: May 15, 1939  
Died: October 25, 2009

Kenneth O. Petch  
Maine

Grand Commander 1980  
Born: May 9, 1929  
Died: October 22, 2009

Harry M. Sullivan  
Delaware

Grand Commander: 2004  
Born: March 17, 1943  
Died: October 30, 2009

Hugh H. Willson  
Montana

Grand Commander 1985  
Born: July 15, 1922  
Died: November 6, 2009

# A Chat With The Managing Editor

I have just returned from a series of Departmental meetings in Baltimore, Boise, Mandan, and Phoenix. I regret missing the one for the South Central Department. Sir Knights, every one of you is invited to attend these conferences, and they are well worth attending. In addition to the fellowship that everyone enjoys, there are workshops on public relations, leadership, programming for your Commandery, and even some instruction on Grand Encampment law. Very interesting stuff!

I have enjoyed so very much meeting so many of you and look forward to the East Central and the South East Department Conferences next spring. Your state supplement editors have been meeting with me during these Department Conferences, and they are among the finest men I have ever had the privilege to work with. I have asked them to keep their ears to the ground and help me figure out what you want to read next year in the magazine, so tell them what you think.

Beginning with this issue, we are moving most of the items for sale over to the web page. Many of our Sir Knights are working really hard to earn funds for the Eye Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimages, and the Educational Fund. They also have some really interesting and valuable items for sale. I have already dropped a hint or two to the lady of my castle regarding Christmas and birthday. Please take a minute to go to the Knight Voices section of the web site and see if you can find something you just can't do without. The URL is on page 17.

I also want to say a word about the folks who actually give us money to advertise in the magazine. The money they pay us provides the funds necessary for us to publish all these color photos on the inside and out. Many of you have told me that these advertisements allow you to find some of the uniforms, jewelry, and other items you are looking for. Times are a little tight for all of us now, but when you do decide to buy something, remember who is financially supporting the magazine.

Finally, it's time to look forward to the annual trip to Alexandria, Virginia for the Easter Observance. The George Washington Masonic Memorial, where the service is held, is 100 years old this year. If you have never seen the Templar Chapel, you need to go at least once. I hope to see you there!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John".

John L. Palmer  
Managing Editor



## Letters to the Editor



Mr. Palmer:

I am the wife of a Knight Templar, and I read your magazine every month. The Knight Templar history has always been fascinating to me.

The Letter to the Editor in the July 2009 magazine by David Woods, II was puzzling to me. I have found your continuing saga of "The Early Templars" and "A continuing Analysis of the Mystery....." to be especially fascinating, and I look forward to the next segment. There have been several TV documentaries on the History Channel that I have watched. I have also read several books on the Templar History. In fact, I just asked my local library to get the book mentioned in the July issue by Grigor Fedan, "*The Templars, Two Kings....*"

Please keep publishing historical articles like this and you will keep me as a reader. I am very proud that my husband is a Knight Templar. I am in the Eastern Star.

God bless.

Mary Meakin  
St. Cloud, Florida



Brother Palmer,

I just read, with great interest, "Crafting The Mason," by S.K. Thomas Jackson. I wholeheartedly agree with the concept that we must become serious about our Masonic heritage and ritual and do our best to follow and promulgate our ancient traditions.

Numbers are never the answer. Quality is. As the sign says on the door of

the small church that I attend, "We Are Enough."

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally,  
S.K. Tom Seymour



Dear Sir:

I enjoy the magazine a great deal. However, I get bored with sport stars being in the biography section. Please mix it up with politicians, businessmen, and scientists. Thanks for your consideration.

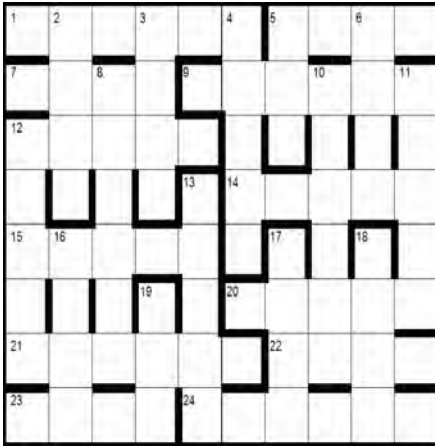
Respectfully,  
Gary Ronshausen, Jr.



To whom it may concern:

In the Knight Templar Magazine, Volume LV, November 2009, Number 11, page 12, SK Leon D. Geoghegan is correct in that the US Coast Guard is the smallest branch of the Armed Forces. You see there are seven uniformed services of the United States, but only five branches of the Armed Forces of the United States. The five branches of the Armed Forces are Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. The other two Uniformed Services are the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. Hope this answers the question.

Roger W. Coursey  
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Savannah, GA



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE by Loki

Solution in Next Month's Issue  
**ACROSS**

1. Many an invalid is close to elected (4-2)
5. Catamount is public utility mother (4)
7. One of mice dropped south to pout (4)
9. German leader on a roll (6)
12. Prohibit the Arabic cliché (5)
14. Decoration of medicinal coatings (5)
15. A doctor loses hair-style to role-player (5)
20. Infernal poet of French catches bug (5)
21. Military flag is English omen (6)
22. Flickering star denotes leader in the East (4)
23. Volcano that's alien to North America (4)
24. South American Scarlett loses zilch in Las Vegas casino (6)

### DOWN

2. Phony Hawaiian Don aboard cutter (4)
3. Drink Kellogg's special wood (4)
4. Biblical heroine confounds Omani (5)
5. Decoration needed for bowls (3)
6. I return as Arizona flat-top (4)
8. Ties together what crazy unties (6)
10. Listen, see Daniel's cars (6)
11. River at Illinois, eastward it's a creek (5)
12. Kick back and relax after better than average fire (5)
13. Ships lock-ups (5)
16. Get an angle on thieves' jargon (4)
17. Vow to feed grain to horse (4)
18. Lead sky-light (4)
19. Six, a by-way of (3)

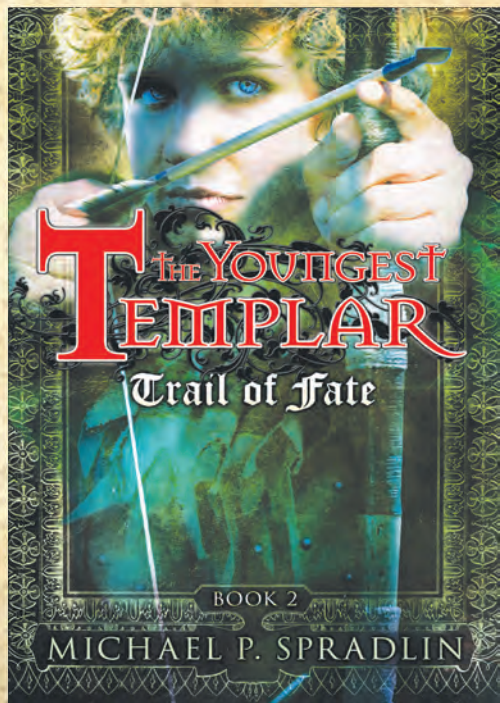
The author is a Knight Templar who follows Cryptic Crossword tradition by setting puzzles under a crucinym, choosing Loki, the Norse god of mischief. If you would like detailed instructions on how to solve Cryptic clues, Loki would be happy to oblige. Contact him at <okl.loki@gmail.com> or at 2501 W.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

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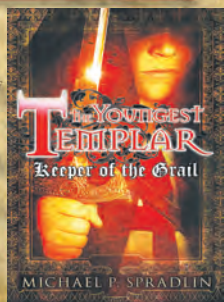
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A message from  
**Jeffrey N. Nelson KCT, PDC**  
General Chairman  
of the  
42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Campaign

Greetings Sir Knights,

Happy New Year 2010! Let me be one of the first to wish you a Happy New Year. Just as we are embarking on a new year, at one time the Knights Templar Eye Foundation was new and in its infancy. On Tuesday, August 23, 1955, Deputy Grand Master Walter A. DeLamater of New York placed a proposal before the Forty-sixth Conclave that the Knights Templar “assist people who were in danger of facing blindness; only for those who could not afford the treatment or operations necessary to restore their sight.” From this proposal has grown one of the great Masonic philanthropies – the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

We are approaching the midpoint of the campaign, and I am pleased to report that the 42<sup>nd</sup> Voluntary Campaign is going very well. We have completed six of the eight department conferences, and it is heartwarming to see the tremendous pride that the Sir Knights rightfully take in their Foundation. The Foundation is doing much to not only help people to live happier and more productive lives but to increase the visibility of Templary.

The new year is also a good time to clarify some questions that have arisen about our patient application forms. The trustees review the forms and guidelines relative to reimbursement amounts and policies at least annually. Any changes are incorporated into the respective form as a revision, and the revision date is noted on the form. New application forms are sent to each Commandery recorder at least annually. Also, the trustees have adopted a policy that forms not be duplicated. These policies are to ensure that the current form with the current reimbursement amounts is used. This will eliminate any confusion or misunderstanding by the patient applicant or healthcare provider and help prevent any errors or delays in processing an application. The trustees also request that original signatures be placed on applications. The KTEF office reports that faxed copies may be distorted or difficult to read and that original signatures on an original application, as opposed to faxed forms or knight templar

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# The Masonic Enlightenment

a continuation of

## Desaguliers and the Birth of Modern Freemasonry

by

Dr. David Harrison

Similarities between Anderson's *Constitutions* and John Dee's *Mathematicall Preface* for his *Euclide* printed in 1570 have also been noted by historian Peter French, in which Dee refers to 'a great Number of Artes, from our two Mathematicall fountaines (arithmetic and geometry) into the fieldes of Nature'.<sup>1</sup> The *Constitutions* used comparable wording to Dee's *Mathematicall Preface of Euclide*, referring to architecture as 'the Science and the Art'. Anderson also discussed the 'seven liberal Arts and Sciences', two of which were arithmetic and geometry. These were popular themes for early natural philosophers and important features in the quest for hidden knowledge, with Dee's translation of *Euclide* being among the many works that would have been part of his lost library that so captivated the early Freemason Elias Ashmole.<sup>2</sup> Along with various 'Ancient Charges', Dee's *Euclide*, which was an extremely popular English translation, was a resource for the 'history' of Freemasonry by Anderson. The mathematical theme of *Euclid* filtered into Dee's magical interests, enabling him to gain a greater understanding of the mysteries of the universe. As with the revisions on the charges in the *Constitutions*, Desaguliers and Anderson set about to revise the ritual, and like Dee's magical rituals, the use of mathematics, geometry, necromancy, and magical symbols, all played an important part knight templar

in a theatrical search for lost ancient knowledge.

What the ritual was like before the formation of the 'Premier/Modern' Grand Lodge is difficult to ascertain, as there are no written details, presumably as they were all destroyed. According to Waite, the three degrees were still in the making as late as 1723, with the resurrection theme of the third degree yet to be invented.<sup>3</sup> The 1723 edition of the *Constitutions* refers, rather confusingly, to Apprentices only being 'admitted Masters and Fellow Craft'. Gould suggested that this mention of 'Masters and Fellow Craft' was the second and final 'degree', taking place after the initial first 'Apprentice' degree.<sup>4</sup> Robert Plot writing in his *Natural History of Staffordshire* used similar terminology when describing Freemasonry, mentioning the 'Masters and Fellows of this right Worshipfull craft'.<sup>5</sup> These two initial degrees were thus made into three by Desaguliers, using the same material, but with the added 'extra' of the Hiram Abbif legend with its theme of resurrection and necromancy. As previously discussed, no recorded evidence exists of the early Masonic operative trade guilds performing a secret ritual with elements of the 'Modern' third degree. There are, however, apprentice documents and variations of the *Old Charges* which clearly point to the 'Entered Apprentice' and 'Fellow Craft' degrees within Freemasonry.

The actual origins of the Masonic ritual are completely shrouded in mystery, and it has even been claimed that before 1717, there was actually only one degree.<sup>6</sup> Whatever its original form, the early ritual seems to have included the Apprentice and Fellow Craft content that followed the traditional practices of operative Masonry. The 1723 edition constantly refers to the 'Fellow Craft' as the senior phase of Craft Masonry at this time, such as in Regulation IV when it states that *'No Brother can be a Warden until he has pass'd the part of Fellow Craft'*, and again when stating that a Mason cannot be a Grand Master *'unless he has been a Fellow Craft before his Election'*.<sup>7</sup> This phraseology within the 1723 edition continues when it states in Regulation XIII that *'Another Brother (who must be a Fellow Craft) should be appointed to look after the Door of the Grand Lodge'*.<sup>8</sup> This demonstrates that the emphasis of the 'Fellow Craft' during this time was the final part or 'degree'.<sup>9</sup> This older progression is also reflected in the minutes of the Lodge of Edinburgh, where for example, George Drummond was *'admitted and received entered apprentice and fellow craft on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 1721.'* Earlier minutes of this lodge also provide evidence of this original system, when, for example, on the

12<sup>th</sup> of December, 1633, a certain John Cunningham was made *'fellow of craft'* after serving his years of apprenticeship. In the case of Drummond, a non-operative member, he

was made an 'Apprentice' and 'Fellow Craft' in one meeting, similar to Elias Ashmole's initiation in Warrington in 1646, which perhaps gives rise to interpretation that there was but one degree or ceremony for the two parts of 'Apprentice' and 'Fellow Craft'.

Another example of the change in wording in the new

edition can be seen when Regulation XIII of the 1723 edition of the *Constitutions* states: *'The Treasurer and Secretary shall have each a Clerk, who must be a Brother and Fellow-Craft.'*<sup>10</sup> In the 1738 edition, the phraseology was altered perfectly in the Regulation to accommodate the new third degree, and now stated that *'The Treasurer and Secretary may have each a Clerk or Assistant, who must be a Brother and a Master-Mason.'* The changes in the regulation are evident again when the new 1738 edition stated that *'Another Brother and Master-Mason should be appointed the Tyler, to look after the Door.'*<sup>11</sup> This regulation is in sharp contrast to the 1723 edition, the corrected 1738 edition firmly stating that a 'Master Mason' is now high-



**John Theophilus Desaguliers**

er than the 'Fellow Craft' in rank. This change of wording from 'Fellow Craft' to 'Master Mason' as the final phase in Craft Masonry indicates that the ritual was changed during the time in between the first two editions of 1723 and 1738, with the third degree in 'Modern' speculative Freemasonry being firmly established.

Desaguliers, according to Waite, was credited as being the one who grafted speculative Masonry upon the old operative masonry.<sup>12</sup> Indeed, Desaguliers, with the assistance of Anderson, re-constructed the ritual with dramatic and theatrical flair. Waite also quotes a letter printed in an obscure 'exposé' entitled the *Grand Mystery of the Freemasons Discover'd*, published in October 1724, which refers to 'two unhappy busy persons who were Masons (who) obtruded their idle notions of Adam and Solomon and Hiram', Waite suggesting that the 'busy persons' in question were none other than Desaguliers and Anderson, and that their 'idle notions' were their re-construction of the Masonic ritual.<sup>13</sup>

### To be continued next month End Notes

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### Editor's Note

In this article, Dr. Harrison uses the term "necromancy." Since this term as defined in my dictionary seemed not to have any direct relationship to the teachings or symbolism of the fraternity as I understand them, I asked him to define the term as he uses it in his article. His response was "'necromancy' was a magical practice, pursued by magicians and alchemists like John Dee. It was believed that by practicing a ritual, these magicians and alchemists could 'raise the dead'. Necromancy is a combination of two words: necro meaning dead, and romancer."

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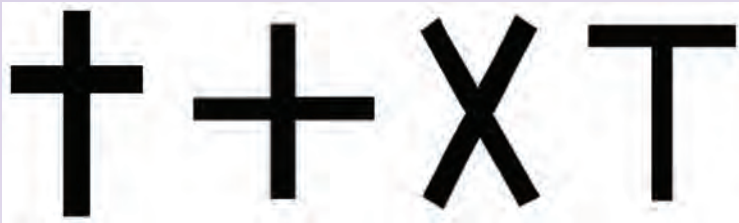
# The Crosses of Templary

by

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Most of us have undoubtedly noticed the variety of crosses which adorn Masonic Knight Templar uniforms as well as occurring elsewhere in our Chivalric Order. The purpose of this article is to provide the interested observer with some information relative to the history and symbolism of these crosses.

Most of the myriad varieties of crosses which exist in art today can be considered as permutations or embellishments of four basic cruciform figures: the Latin Cross, the Greek Cross, the St. Andrew's Cross, and the Tau Cross, which are pictured below in the order just stated:



However, the crosses used in modern Templary are essentially variants of the first two, the Latin Cross and the Greek Cross.

The Latin Cross is surely the most widespread and best-known cross that we as Templars use. It is the badge of office for a Commander and Past Commander as well as the emblem used on the uniforms of Knights below those ranks, the only difference being that the Knight's cross is a red cross with a silver border while that of a Commander or Past Commander is red with a gold border. The Latin Cross is also the symbol most commonly associated with

Christianity, although it was known and used by several civilizations thousands of years before Christ. For example, it has been found in China and Africa. It appears on Scandinavian Bronze Age stones depicting the destructive hammer of Thor, their god of thunder and war. It was and is still regarded as a magical symbol bringing good luck and diverting evil. Rock carvings of the cross have been interpreted as a solar symbol or a symbol of Earth with its points representing north, south, east, and west. Moreover, to alchemists, the cross was a symbol of the four elements: air, earth, fire, and water. Elsewhere, the cross

variously symbolized health, fertility, life, immortality, the union of heaven and earth, spirit and matter, and the sun and the stars. It is sometimes referred to as the Western Cross to differentiate it from other cross designs favored in the east. The Latin Cross was typically used as the basic floor plan of medieval Western churches and cathedrals.

Another name for the Latin Cross is *Crux Immissa*. This simply means a cross with a horizontal beam inserted at right-angles to the upright post. *Immissa* means "inserted". Still another name is *Crux Capitata* which means "with a head".



In some Grand Jurisdictions, the Latin Cross with rays emanating from it is used. This form of Latin Cross is often referred to as the Passion Cross, pictured at left. The added rays symbolize the



power and majesty of the crucified and risen Christ and the victory he achieved over death. It is of interest to note that the Latin Cross or Passion Cross was not considered a typically Christian symbol until the seventh century. Before that time, the lamb and the fish were most commonly used.

The next step up in the hierarchy of the Crosses of Templary would be the Templar Cross, which is a variant of the Greek Cross. Still other variants which we as Templars utilize are the Maltese Cross (Order of Malta) and the Cross Formée (Order of the Red Cross medal).



The Templar Cross, shown at left, is formed of four equilateral triangles whose apexes meet at a common center. Another name for this cross

is the Cross Formée Patée. This is the cross we use to designate Grand Commandery officers (red cross with gold border) and Past Grand Commanders (purple cross with gold border). However, depending on the reference consulted, other cross forms (including that of Malta) are commonly referred to as the Templar Cross. One of the most common

of these is depicted at right, the Cross Patée, which was sometimes used by the Crusader order of Teutonic Knights and was also sometimes associated with



the Crusader order of Knights Templar, though as with the Teutonic Knights, it was not used consistently. The Templars did adopt a red cross on their white robes in 1147, but there was no specific style designated, and different Templars used different versions of the cross. The pattée was by no means their official symbol. From the evidence of document seals, the Cross Formée and Cross Pattée with a variant form in the Pattée Formée were used in the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. Some variations of the Cross Formée/Pattée had concave ends to the arms, moving the design toward the eight pointed cross which would evolve into the Maltese cross. In the mid 1500s, when the Knights were at Malta, the familiar design now known as the Maltese Cross made its appearance. The true Maltese cross has a very strict definition: "A cross made from four straight lined pointed arrowheads, meeting at their points, with the ends of the arms consisting of indented 'V's." Simply put, the ends are not flat. Thus, the Mal-



tese Cross, shown here, should not be confused with the Templar Cross, which is in

the style of the Cross Patée or the Cross Formée Patée.

Another important cross of Templary is the Patriarchal Cross. This Cross, when in purple enamel and edged with gold, is the insignia of all officers of the Grand Encampment below the Grand Master.

It is the Latin Cross with an extra horizontal beam appended. Other names include Archbishopal Cross, Archbishop's Cross, or Metropolitan Cross in reference to the archbishop's ecclesiastical authority for a diocese.

Several explanations exist for the extra beam, and the most popular is that the upper beam, also seen on the Russian and Eastern



Orthodox crosses, represents the sign bearing Pontius Pilate's inscription "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." This sign is known in Latin as *titulus cruces* and

therefore this cruciform is sometimes called the *Titulus Cross*.

Another explanation is that the first beam represents the death of Jesus Christ and the second beam His resurrection.

A third view is that the first beam symbolizes secular power and the second beam the ecclesiastical power of Byzantine emperors. In the 9<sup>th</sup> century, this cross was a political symbol used by Byzantine clerks and missionaries.

"Patriarch" is the title of a bish-

op who is second to the pope and has the highest rank in the hierarchy of his jurisdiction. This particular cross form was part of the coat-of-arms of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, who granted its use to the Knights Templar. It is thus a fitting symbol of office in our Grand Encampment for the Department Commanders who represent the Grand Master in their respective departments and those officers who are subordinate to him in the Grand Encampment line.

The Duke of Lorraine, Godfrey de Boullion, used the cross shown below for his standard when he took part in the capture of Jerusalem. The cross was then passed on to his successors as heraldic arms and became known



as the Cross of Lorraine. The Cross of Lorraine originates from the Patriarchal Cross and confusingly, either name is used for either cross form. The Cross of Lorraine, however, differs

from the patriarchal cross. It has two horizontal bars of equal length placed with the lower bar located close to the bottom and the upper bar close to the top. On the true patriarchal cross, on the other hand, both bars are near the top, and the upper is noticeably smaller than the other. The Grand Encampment patriarchal cross has the two beams more separated and so resembles, at first glance, the Cross of Lorraine.

The cross reserved for the insignia of the supreme leadership of our Or-

der is the Cross of Salem, sometimes referred to as the Papal Cross, because it is borne by the Pope on special ceremonial occasions. The upright beam is crossed by three horizontal beams, the upper and lower shorter than the middle one. When in purple enamel, and edged with gold, it is the insignia of the Grand Master and of Past Grand Masters. It is not only the insignia of the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, but the same cross, placed on a slant, is the insignia of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The modern Papal Cross differs somewhat from this, in that the three horizontal beams increase in size going downward from the top.



Like the patriarchal cross, several symbolic interpretations can be given for this cross:

- The Pope's triple roles as leader of worship, teacher, and community leader.
- The Pope's triple religious authorities as Bishop of Rome, Patriarch of the West, and successor of St. Peter, Chief of the Apostles.
- The Pope's powers and responsibilities: temporal, spiritual, and material.

- The Pope's extra bar of authority over the two-bar Archbishopal or Patriarchal cross.
- The three theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity.
- The Holy Trinity.

Thus, like the Papal Cross, Freemasonry's use of the three-barred Salem Cross signifies the highest rank as well as the highest responsibility of the wearer.

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# Holy Land Pilgrimage

The following was submitted by the Deputy Grand Commander of Wyoming and was written by Reverend Doug Wasinger of the Episcopal Church in Wyoming who was a participant in the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

**I**t has been seven months since I have been to the Holy Lands. The changes, images, and thoughts continue to shape who I am as a person. The insights that I gained from my time there have influenced my way of being, and they are:

**(1) God will never forget us.**

**(2) The Gospel continues to move forward in time, changing, flexing, and still firm in its message of hope.**

**(3) We are a part of an awesome narrative and are blessed to be participants of God's story of creation, redemption, and restoration.**

**(4) It is because of God's faithfulness in us that we can become bold to proclaim peace on earth.**

Another insight that I have also gained was that I am so shaped by the spatial relationships of Wyoming compared to Israel. Mountains in Wyoming are miles apart as opposed to those in Israel. We could be at Mountain Zion and in thirty minutes (by walking) we could be on top of Mount Olive.

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to visit the Holy Lands; it is truly a life changing event. I pray that you are able to continue to offer this for all of us far into the future. May God bless you as richly as you have blessed me.

You can find more on Rev. Wasinger's pilgrimage at:

[http://ministrydevelopmentregion4.blogspot.com/2009\\_02\\_01\\_archive.html](http://ministrydevelopmentregion4.blogspot.com/2009_02_01_archive.html)

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# Knights



## at the Bookshelf

By  
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John L. Palmer

*My Book, My Opinion! or Thoughts Garnered on my Masonic Journey* by Hugh Young; ISBN: 978-0-98117-808; published by Linshaw Enterprises Inc. website [www.linshaw.ca](http://www.linshaw.ca).

**H**ugh Young is a Past Grand Master of Alberta, Canada and a former police inspector. In this book he offers a variety of his opinions on a number of Masonic subjects without the least regard to whether you agree with him or not. Interestingly, I agreed with him almost 100% of the time. He has a humorous view of the absurd things we sometimes do in the fraternity and is not bashful about making fun of them. I found the chapter on Past Masters to be hilarious and great advice for anyone who is an immediate Past Master. Did you know that "...the most important attribute for a Past Master is silence...?" Sure you did. It's just that nobody wants to say that out loud.

Interspersed in the book are little boxes containing jewels of wisdom such as **"80% of the Master's involvement in lodge affairs should occur outside the lodge meeting"** or quotes like this one from Ezra Loomis Pound; **"Real education must ultimately be limited to men who insist on knowing – the rest is mere sheep-herding."** This book is entertaining, educational, and to a large degree, profoundly wise.

I would highly recommend this little paperback to anyone who is a current or aspiring lodge officer. Included are appendices containing a sample lodge calendar, a sample lodge meeting plan, a quiz of sorts, and a reading list.

For a new Mason wanting to know about the practical side of the fraternity as opposed to the esoteric, this is the book for you. Masters, I recommend that you issue one of these to every new brother that is raised in your lodge. Sometimes we get so involved in ritual and sometimes in the study of the symbolism that we forget how to "Dwell together in harmony." This is a great little primer on that aspect of the fraternity and how we can make our lodges prosper and even flourish.

PS: Don't bother to write him and disagree with what he has written—it's his book, his opinion!





# Beauceant News

**P**ictured below are Sir Knights from Ascension Commandery No. 6, Shreveport, LA, and Crusader Commandery No. 21, Bossier City, LA,

who annually attend Easter Services at Yellow Pine Christian Church in Sibley, LA. Sir Knight Tom Brown of Ascension No. 6 is the pastor at this church. He is pictured below in the suit.



**B**eauceant ladies of Shreveport Assembly No. 60 are also seen, in the photo to the right. The church services are always followed by a covered dish luncheon. Despite rain and hail this year, good fellowship and food was enjoyed by all present.



## Wreath Laying in Louisiana

**S**hreveport Assembly No. 60 laid a memorial wreath for the first time, in Hillcrest Cemetery, Haughton, LA, on May 25, 2009. The Sir Knights of Ascension Commandery No. 6 also laid a wreath. The Beauceant wreath is pictured below the wreath laid by the Sir Knights.

**P**ictured l to r: Ms. Angela McNicoll, Worthy President; Ms. Tom Brown, Preceptress; Mrs. Pat Dickson, Most Worthy Oracle; and Mrs. Bill Richards, 1st Vice President.



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