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Grand Master's Message

It is hard to believe that 2012 is quickly coming to a close. The air is cold, the trees are bare, and our fall series of Department Conferences are history.

We are very pleased with the conferences. They have been well attended by the officers of the Grand Commanderies as well as by many Sir Knights. We believe that much valuable information has been shared that will result in improvements in our Commanderies. We have also had the opportunity to share ideas and concerns with our Grand Commandery officers. This provides a great forum for communication in both directions. We look forward to resuming the conferences in the spring.

As December is here, our thoughts naturally turn toward Christmas. The Christmas season brings us to the love of family and friends as well as a time of sharing gifts, just as was done by the Magi with Jesus. This time of good cheer should be enjoyed by all, but we must remember why we celebrate the season to begin with. As Christians we must believe that Christ came to save us from sin, display God's character to us, and show us the way to God and to eternal life. This is the message of Christmas that we must share, preserve, and transmit to our successors.

We urge you to read the message of the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, the "Toast to the Grand Master" from the Committee on Religious Activities, and my response for some additional views of the Christmas holidays.

We encourage each Commandery to participate in a Templar Christmas Observance and hope that as many Sir Knights and their families as possible share the joy of the season together.

The officers and ladies of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar join with my lady, Marci, and me in wishing you a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Courteously,

✠ 

David Dixon Goodwin, GCT
Grand Master



Report on the Grand Encampment New Year's Resolutions for 2012

In the January 2012 magazine, Grand Master Koon listed the "New Year's Resolutions for 2012." I am pleased to make the following report:

Make Templary the most prestigious order that one may petition. This resolution has become the vision of our order along with our theme of "Chivalry, Christianity, Templary....a way of life." By practicing what we preach, by sharing Christian brotherhood and true caring for our Sir Knights, and by including our faith and our families in our activities, we are confident that we are well on the road to achieving this goal.

Continue expanding this prestigious order. At the 65th Triennial Conclave we granted charters for the Grand Commanderies of Hawaii, Panama, and Croatia. We also chartered three subordinate Commanderies in Brazil that had been operating under dispensation. We are meeting this goal.

Execute the 65th Triennial Conclave in a prestigious manner. Anyone who attended the Triennial Conclave will agree that Grand Master Koon achieved this goal. The session was well organized, well run, enjoyable, and very successful. We congratulate Grand Master Koon and the 65th Triennial Committee for a job well done.

Membership stabilization during the 66th triennium. The department conferences this season have provided good information on membership as well as the more important skills of leadership. We will have to wait for the outcome, but we are greatly encouraged.

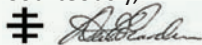
Increase the visibility of the order. Again, our conferences have included important information on public relations, community service, charities, and visibility within and without the fraternity. We believe that we are on the right track for success.

Improve the quality of the ritualistic work. Our conferences always include some information on ritual. We believe that good ritual makes a good first impression upon our new Sir Knights. We believe that the ritual is the glue that binds us together as Christian Masonic Brothers. We believe that the ritual tells exactly who we are as Christian Freemasons. As we travel around the jurisdictions we find that our Sir Knights believe in ritual and are working diligently to make it better all the time.

As 2012 comes to a close and as the 65th triennium has already closed, the officers of the Grand Encampment are pleased with the progress that has been made. It is not a "my" program but has always been an "our" program. Yes, we will make changes as necessary, but our basic vision and goals will not change. We will only strive harder to find new ways to be successful.

We invite you to see our new set of New Year's resolutions in the January magazine.

Courteously,



David Dixon Goodwin, GCT
Grand Master

The future is ours! We must seize the moment!
Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar.

Prelate's Chapel

by

Rev. William D. Hartman, Right Eminent Grand
Prelate of the Grand Encampment



IO SATURNALIA! So Romans greeted each other two millennia ago. They celebrated the Feast of Saturnalia (honoring the ancient Roman god, Saturn), which originally began on December 17th and lasted for a week. It corresponded with the time of the winter solstice and involved partying, a holiday time of feasting, and gift giving.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Today we follow the pattern of ancient Rome with a holiday celebration of the birth of Jesus. While there is no confirmed date for Jesus' birth, ancient Christian scholars linked it with the winter solstice also, and with the growth of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire, Jesus' birthday was centered on December 25th. Because of the calendar modifications from the Julian to the Gregorian, dates were "jumped." Many of the Eastern Churches followed the Julian calendar, which is thirteen days different from the newer Gregorian one (which we follow today). Over the world in our day, Christmas is celebrated at different times.

To me, it is not the date that is important. It is the gift that was given. While the ancient Romans, like the modern Christians, practiced gift giving, we do so as a remembrance and a like celebration of the one gift given to us by God - the gift of His Son. "For God so loved (us) that He gave His only-begotten Son ...," who was born into our world, lived, and died as we do, so that the price of sin would be paid, and in His resurrection from the dead, so that we would be redeemed to live forever in our Father's house. Jesus said, "Because I live, you too shall live." It was the gift of our Heavenly Father, "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," that brings light into our darkness, life into our death, and eternal life in our Father's house.

"How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given.
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
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A Chat With The Managing Editor

I was once on the forefront of a technological revolution. It was the one before the internet. The second computer I ever used, I built. I tell you this because I don't see myself as a Luddite. If you don't know what a Luddite is, then you may be one. Sir Knight Blair's article on page thirty set me to thinking. Technology changes the way we act. When I began my work life at the phone company in 1973, I talked on the phone a lot. I had hundreds of telephone numbers memorized. Most of the people I knew in the work force were "phone friends" whom I had never met face to face.

When we introduced e-mail, all that changed. My primary means of communication is now e-mail, and talking on the phone feels like a waste of time to me. I don't want it to feel that way. It just happened. Luckily, it didn't diminish the time I spend face to face with other people. I still go to church, go to lodge, and even dine out and have a cigar with my friends from time to time, although the government won't let me do both at the same time anymore.

Some of my Masonic friends are young guys, and this brings me finally to the point. These are good guys, nice young men with their heads screwed on right, and I like them. The problem is that all this fiddling around with their smart phones that they do when we are together interferes with my communication with them. It's interesting how a communications device can impede communications. I guess that whoever is on the other end of the pager is much more interesting than I am, and I am certainly not one to demand someone's full attention, at least not on a social occasion.

I am sure that all this texting, tweeting, Facebooking, and Linkedining is really the wave of the future. I just hope it doesn't become the only way we communicate. I still really enjoy looking someone in the eye when I am listening to them.

P.S. If you really want to contact me - use e-mail, or better yet, let's go somewhere where we can have a good cigar.

P.P.S. Merry Christmas from John, Glenda, and Precious the cat.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John L. Palmer
Managing Editor



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Christmas!

By
Reverend Sir Knight Donald Kerr

Families prepare for Christmas in many different ways. One family of whom I've heard uses large plywood letters that are illuminated by lights on the roof of their house. The letters spell, "NOEL." As it often happens in the rush of things, time was running out in trying to get the sign up on the roof. Near to the last day, the father was sure he would get the job done. It was a cold and blustery day, and the plywood letters were big and awkward. Fighting the wind and trying to get the letters in place, the father up on the roof yelled down, "All right, it's ready. Turn on the lights." Everyone was excited and ran out to see the lights on the roof. Surprise! Instead of the letters spelling "NOEL," the lights on the roof spelled, "LEON."

What a shock after all that work! Suddenly "NOEL" became "LEON." It's easy at Christmas to get things mixed up. We know what Christmas is supposed to mean, but it's easy to become embroiled with ribbons and tinsel and lights and presents so that at times we forget that Christmas means pure love and hope and cheer and peace and goodwill.

We need this season of activity, and we enjoy it. This is a time when we need to hear the angels sing and to reflect on

God's love for us. Christmas tells us that the Savior of the world has been born in Jesus Christ. All of us at times get depressed. Christmas comes to lift our spirits out of the doldrums and to set us before the wonder of that eternal mystery. That's why we sing, "Noel! Noel! the Lord is with us."

So, may it be a merry Christmas to one and all and also a happy Hanukkah!

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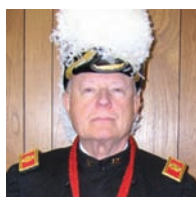
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The Grand Commanders, whose pictures appear on these pages, will be the guiding hands on the tiller of the ship of Templary, navigating their vessel faithfully through the uncharted waters ahead.



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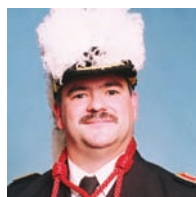
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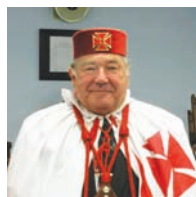
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We are just a few weeks away from Christmas; our homes are filled with the sounds and joys this most holy of seasons brings. You sense it in the air, see it on the faces of those you meet, and feel it in the embrace of friends and loved ones. There is something profoundly different that

seems to be rekindled in our hearts, and the world becomes, if only for a short period, a much kinder and better place. We prepare to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child; some two thousand years ago, hope was given to man.

This hope sustains us even today. We see it measured in our faith, in the hope we have for our children, and in our expectations of the future. Have you considered that you and I can be the source of hope for others who are less fortunate than us? Each of us, according to our own ability, has it within us to impact the lives of others. We should never underestimate the power of a simple act of kindness.

I would like to ask you to consider doing something special this Christmas. On Christmas morning would you take just a moment to think about our charity and send in a small donation in honor of the Child of Bethlehem? Why on Christmas morning? Well, simply put, that is when we received the greatest gift ever given to man and what better time for us as Knights Templar to give to others. In a future article I will share with you the results of this special appeal. Would you on your check reference the Child of Bethlehem so we will know to include your donation in our count?

It is my hope you and your families have the most joyous Christmas ever, that your homes are filled with Love, and that the Mercy of God is showered upon you in all His abundance. This Christmas morning, as I am sitting in my chair with my dog, Bear, lying at my feet writing my check for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, I pray that you will join me in this simple act of kindness and provide hope to others.

Terry L. Plemons, KGC



Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

That is an inspiring sermon by Reverend Sir Knight Frederick A. Shade in the March 2012 issue. The last paragraph cites Isaiah 49:2 concerning "a sword issuing or held in the mouth." That reminded me of an allegorical emblem used by Albert Pike in an obscure text of his, the *Sepher ha-Sallam*. In that volume, which can be found on the web, three versions of the image which is attached are given. This one is the most lucid, and I am sending it as corroboration for Reverend Sir Knight Shade's theme of armor, literal and figurative.

The different appendant bodies, including Blue Lodge, are all related and spring from a common source.

Sincerely,
Brian R. Higgins

I found the recent review of the book *Commercial Providence: The Secret Destiny of the American Empire*, authored by Patrick Mendis and reviewed by Sir Knight Douglas M. Rowe to be an intriguing study; so much so that I have asked our local library to find a copy for me if possible. I suspect this will prove to be rather an obscure title, and if Sir Knight Rowe's review is anywhere near accurate, I would not likely consider it a worthwhile investment. However I am a bit puzzled by the Sir Knight's objection to a repeated reference to Alexander Hamilton as the First Secretary of the Treasury inasmuch as Hamilton was the first person to fill that post. It may be the word "First" should not have been capitalized, thus suggesting there was a Second, Third, or Fourth Secretary, etc.

Respectfully,
Sir Knight Leonard D. Garneau



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Brother John;

Sorry I am a little late in my response regarding the February 2012 issue of your letters about "Were the Symbolic Lodges ever Christian in nature?" Albert Mackey's *Encyclopedia* talks about Masons in the past have always tried to Christianize our Blue Lodge Masonry. I remember the first time my sister visited a lodge, she remarked that we must be Christian because we had the Holy Bible on the altar.

In Jeremy Cross' 1859 *Masonic Chart*

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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.

Gibraltar guarding the Mediterranean Sea.
Photo by the editor.



Morocco also guarding the Mediterranean Sea. Photo by the editor.





Letters to the Editor



Continued from page 17.

book, page 41, in the Master's Degree I quote, "Then let us imitate the Christian in his virtuous and amiable conduct..." The 1875 J. Miller "Our Father Lord's Prayer" poster with all the Masonic symbols, a figure of Charity is missing, but if you look under the all seeing eye, there is a picture of the good Samaritan.

Ronayne's *Handbook of Freemasonry* (1943) page 50 states, "Now all this being the case, is it not strangely inconsistent and even wicked on the part of the Masonic Fraternity to exclude from their membership..." He goes on to explain that Masonry should be made known to all and writes everything about it in detail.

A past master of my Lodge told me once, "Jack, some Masons are so pernickety and contrary to everything Masonry teaches us."

Jack N. Barricklo, PC

Sir Knight Jack,

For all those who would "expose" or try to expose Freemasonry, I would suggest that it is like casting pearls before swine. You can't read yourself into becoming a Freemason, and a dues card doesn't make you one. Becoming a Freemason is experiential in nature, and there are no shortcuts. That's why so many of our members never really get there, including those who would try to "expose" us.

The Ed.



Sir Knight Russell Howell, Jr. laments that "my fellow Sir Knights are complaining about 'too much Christianity'" in letters sent to the Editor of our magazine. He does so after acknowledging that he thoroughly enjoys the magazine, "especially those showing the antiquities of our order."

While the "antiquities of our order" only go back to the 1700s, it is true that our order is based upon a religious order of the Roman Catholic Church at a time when the Roman or Latin Church was the Church in the West. Our philosophical predecessors were, of course, monks who had taken the usual vows of a Catholic religious order. [The website of the Grand Encampment describes the Knight Templar as "layman," which is totally false].

Sir Knight Howell departs from the path when he describes "our order" as an "obviously Christian organization," however. First, there are three chivalric orders, which have been controlled by the Grand Encampment since the 19th century. The Grand Encampment is not itself "an order." "Knight Templar" is actually a grade controlled by the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America itself is not a "Christian organization." It is a Masonic organization. It is unique as a Masonic organization in that it is uniformed.

The Grand Encampment website asserts that an applicant for membership must profess a belief in the "Christian Religion." That is problematic. There is no such thing as a "Christian Religion," any more than there is a single Muslim

religion or a single Buddhist or a single Jewish "religion." There is Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Judaism, each of which has followers who observe different practices and enjoy a divergent theological viewpoint.

The problem that many of us have with *Knight Templar Magazine* is that magazine does not reflect the very diverse nature of the community of Christians. Even the Grand Encampment website acknowledges that "The Knights Templar is a Christian-oriented fraternal organization." That does not mean Cop-tic, Eastern, Orthodox, Roman, or Protestant, Christian-oriented.

The voices within Knight Templary which would have us "sharpen our swords" appear to believe in a "small tent" Christianity. Those voices have been on the ascendancy in recent years. In my view, that is contrary to the best interests of our Christian-oriented Masonic organization. It is also not Christian, which is a "large tent" religion. As to all that sword sharpening, I wonder what the Prince of Peace would say about that?

Respectfully,
Sir Knight Joseph F. Connolly, II



We received this feedback from the web site stating that he liked the stories about uniforms and regalia but we should improve in our honesty and integrity:

"I know it's been a long time since the unpleasantness with the Catholic church, but don't you think it's about time to come clean and admit that maybe some of your Knights were a knight templar

bit "OFF" and maybe did a few nasty things with a sheep or two???? I'm not suggesting they were ALL bad but you know how one bad apple ruins the rest... after all these years I think you could at least think about it....hum-mmnn what say you???"

David L. Meissner

David,

First, I need to point out that there is no evidence of a direct connection between the ancient Knights Templar and the modern Masonic Order of Knights Templar other than perhaps a shared set of espoused values. We aspire to take the good examples of those who have gone before us and avoid repeating any shortcomings they might have had.

I can see no benefit to us in trying to rake up evidence of wrongdoing on the part of our heroes from the past. There seems to be a modern trend where people are trying to seek out and emphasize the faults of our forefathers such as Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Franklin rather than to study what good they did and how miraculous it was that these heroes actually built the civilization we now enjoy. Sometimes I find that people tend to "project" their own morality onto their perceptions of others.

Concerning the trials of the Templars, we have endeavored to quote the facts and the testimony, good and bad, while also pointing out the fact that these men were tortured for months and even years before some of their testimony was received. Whatever the truth of the matter is, it seems unlikely that after 700 years we will ever be able to prove it one way or another.

The Ed.

Meet Our New Department Commanders

Sir Knight T. Michael “Mike” Fegan

Right Eminent South Central Department Commander 2012-2014

T. Michael “Mike” Fegan was born February 9, 1949, the son of Thomas B. and Patricia Eisenhower Fegan, into a telephone pioneering family that has lived and worked in Kansas for three generations. He was raised in Junction City, a small northeast Kansas town on the threshold of historic Fort Riley. He began his Masonic career in Central Chapter, Order of DeMolay, served as Master of Union Lodge No. 7 A.F. & A.M. in Junction City in 1991 and as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas in 1998. Mike received his 33rd in the Scottish Rite in 1995 and served as Personal Representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council in Kansas. He is also a member of Chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Council No. 22, Royal



Photo by John P. Westervelt

and Select Masters; Commandery No. 43, Knights Templar; and Kansas Council No. 53, Knight Masons. He served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kansas in 2007 and as Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kansas in 2012.

Mike served as Potentate of Isis Shrine of Salina in 2004. Additionally, Mike is a member of Melita Chapter No. 116, Order of the Eastern Star; a Senior DeMolay; an active member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor; a Chevalier; a Lifetime member of the DeMolay Alumni Association; and a member of the Philalethes Society and the Scottish Rite Research Society. Mike became Sovereign Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees in 2004. Mike was also inducted into the Royal Order of Scotland in 1999. Mike serves as the Intendent General for the Division of Kansas for the Red Cross of Constantine and as Grand Governor for the State of Kansas for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Sir Knight T. Michael Fegan was appointed Department Commander of the South Central Department by Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, Most Eminent Grand Master, at the 65th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment on August 15, 2012, in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Liverpool Masonic Rebellion and the Grand Lodge of Wigan

The second in a series of articles

By

Dr. David Harrison

Michael Alexander Gage: Tailor and Masonic Rebel

The thirty-four brethren who signed the document were subsequently suspended by the United Grand Lodge, and Gage's Lodge No. 31 was erased, an action that mirrored the erasing of Lodge No. 53b in 1807. This action created further isolation for the suspended rebels as they were not allowed to visit any other lodges, ultimately providing greater bonding between them and giving them further cause to complain about the "tyranny" of the United Grand Lodge. The dissent spread rapidly through Liverpool as certain lodges began to support their fellow brethren. The Liverpool based Sea Captain's Lodge No. 140 threatened to separate itself entirely from the United Grand Lodge if Lodge No. 31 was not reinstated, and by the middle of 1822, an increased number of sixty-five brethren from Liverpool and Wigan were recorded as being suspended.

Gage's Lodge No. 31 had been the "senior" lodge among the "Antient" lodges in Liverpool, having the oldest warrant and therefore having the position to settle the disputes that occurred within other "Antient" lodges within the town. The lodge had been called Lodge No. 20 before the union, but had been subsequently renumbered, and in doing so, had lost some of its local prestige. This renumbering was obviously a

sore point for the lodge as they reverted back to No. 20 on the creation of the rebel Grand Lodge in 1823. The warrant for Lodge No. 20 had been purchased by a number of brethren from the Ancient Union Lodge shortly after it was founded in 1792, and with the original warrant dating from 1753, Lodge No. 20 became the oldest "Antient" lodge operating in Liverpool, outdating and thus displacing the local St. George's Lodge, which, despite being founded in 1786, had a warrant which dated from 1755.¹⁸ St. George's Lodge became extremely aggressive in its attitude toward the rebels, particularly against the conduct of Gage and Lodge No. 31, and when looking at the membership makeup of the St. George's Lodge, a greater number of local gentlemen are evident whereas in Lodge No. 31, the membership makeup had a greater number of tradesmen such as Gage who was a tailor. There was a clear issue of class within the dispute, and this may explain the anger felt by Gage - a man with aspirations.

On the 2nd of December, 1822, a meeting was held at the Lodge of Harmony No. 385 at the Magpie and Stump on Key Street in Liverpool. The Lodge of Harmony, like the Ancient Union Lodge, had belonged to the "Antient" Grand Lodge before the union in 1813. This heated meeting had visitors from The Merchant, Mariners, and Ancient Union Lodges, all local Liverpool lodges which had certain

members involved in the rebellion. The meeting revealed a lodge in crisis as the Worshipful Master and Wardens were appointed during an emergency meeting and not elected or installed as they usually were. The result of this particular gathering was the wish by all the members present to write a letter to the United Grand Lodge declaring the present state of the Lodge of Harmony. It seems that the lodge decided against the rebellion and kept their distance, deciding to give their support to the United Grand Lodge of England. Despite this show of loyalty, the Worshipful Master at the time of the meeting was suspended in 1824 for twelve months and another brother for seven years for what is described as “unmasonic conduct.”

On the 5th of March, 1823, the United Grand Lodge finally expelled twenty-six brethren, stating that the rebels had:

“been found guilty of various acts of insubordination against the authority of the Grand Lodge, and having been summoned to show cause why they should not therefore be expelled from the Craft; have not sent any sufficient apology for their late misconduct.”

Their rebellious activities were described as an “insult” by the United Grand Lodge, and the brethren, having “violated the laws of the Craft,” were ostracized.¹⁹ Gage and his followers were now free to proceed with their master-plan – to resurrect the “Antient” Grand Lodge. The plan was certainly to go national and to spread the influence of the rebel Grand Lodge, and it was declared that the causes which led to the reestablishment of the “Antient” Grand Lodge were to be advertised in four of the London Papers, a

public declaration which would be guaranteed to reach the eyes of the leaders of the United Grand Lodge.

Gage took on the role of Deputy Grand Master while George Woodcock Esquire was duly elected as the Grand Master of the Rebel Grand Lodge. Woodcock was a prominent member of the Barnsley based Friendly Lodge No. 557 and fully supported the “Antient landmarks of Freemasonry.” He was in correspondence with Gage and Lodge No. 31 in Liverpool from early 1823, Woodcock writing an eight part resolution which outlined the “sorrow and regret at these severe measures which the G. Lodge has thought it proper to exercise toward twenty-six respectable members of the Society.”²⁰ Woodcock struck up a long-distance friendship with Gage, with the new Grand Master seeking advice from him on numerous occasions in regard to the administration of the Rebel Grand Lodge. The correspondence continued between them until Gage distanced himself from Freemasonry. In a letter to Woodcock dated June 1828, Gage declined meeting Woodcock and the brethren of the Barnsley lodge in Manchester and also declined an invitation by Woodcock to spend Christmas at Barnsley. Gage also outlined in the letter how he had been putting Masonry before business for too long and that he must now start devoting himself to the inhabitants of Liverpool and concentrate on his “plan of Liverpool.”²¹

The new Grand Master was listed as a gentleman in the minutes of his lodge meetings, but he worked as a bank manager for a fellow member of the lodge, John Staniforth Beckett – a member of a local banking family. Despite this, Woodcock appears to have been in control of

the lodge and certainly engineered the lodge joining the rebellion, a decision that split his lodge in two, mirroring the incident which had occurred at the Lodge of Friendship in Oldham. Woodcock certainly shared the same spirit as his fellow rebels in Liverpool and Wigan though events were to dampen the fire of revolt.

The new Grand Lodge soon ran into trouble; at a meeting of the Grand Lodge held at the Cross Keys in Wigan on the 23rd of June, 1824, the ex-Grand Secretary John Eden was:

“forever expelled...in consequence of his having embezzled the funds of the Grand Lodge for his contempt of summonses and other unmasonic conduct.”²²

Eden had been a member of Gage’s lodge, and this would have been a personal blow to the leader and would have created difficulties for the financial status in the early days of the rebel Grand Lodge. Part of the Grand Secretary’s job would have been to assist in looking after funds, and Eden had certainly abused the trust that had been placed in him. The returns paid to the Grand Secretary from certain lodges under the sway of the new rebel Grand Lodge, such as the Barnsley lodge, had not been passed on to the Grand Treasurer, Eden fraudulently using the funds. It seems that this incident had certainly shaken the fledgling rebel Grand Lodge, affecting the brethren deeply, some of whom became quickly disenchanted.

During the same year, James Broadhurst turned his back on the rebellion and conformed. Along with a number of other rebels, Broadhurst presented an apology to the United Grand Lodge which brought them back into the fold. He immediately knight templar

rejoined the Merchants Lodge, but his payments ceased in 1826, the experience of the rebellion and the subsequent fall out perhaps affecting the camaraderie of the lodge. Out of the original rebels representing the Ancient Union Lodge, only Thomas Berry remained to become an active member of what would become the Grand Lodge of Wigan, Berry having attended the first meeting of the rebel Grand Lodge at the Shakespeare Tavern in 1823 and having served as Secretary in the March meeting of 1825.

George Woodcock’s Barnsley Lodge became alarmed at the financial irregularities occurring in the administration of the rebel Grand Lodge and formally separated themselves from their Lancashire brethren in 1827, Woodcock going on to resign his office as Grand Master.²³ The Barnsley lodge – being the only Yorkshire lodge in support of the rebellion – thus styled themselves as “*The Yorkshire Lodge of Ancient Masons*,” and Woodcock continued to lead his lodge in isolation until his death in 1842.²⁴ Gage seemed to have slowly distanced himself from the rebels, and it was as if the Liverpool brethren became disillusioned, the energy of the rebels quickly ebbing away.

End Notes

¹⁸ St. George’s Lodge of Harmony No. 32 had been No. 25c, changing to No. 38 in 1814. It was renumbered again to No. 35 in 1832 and changed to its present number in 1863. See Lane’s Masonic Records 1717-1894 online: <http://freemasonry.dept.shef.ac.uk/lane/> [accessed 25th of January, 2010]

¹⁹ Beesley, *Wigan Grand Lodge*, pp.16-19.

²⁰ Will Read, “The Spurious Lodge

and Chapter at Barnsley”, in *AQC*, Vol. 90, (Abingdon: Burgess & Son, 1978), pp.1-36, on p.10.

²¹ *Ibid.*, p.26 and p.31.

²² Beesley, *Wigan Grand Lodge*, pp.46-47.

²³ Read, *AQC*, Vol. 90, pp. 16-17.

²⁴ *Ibid.*, p.23.

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grants Words of Appreciation from Recipients

Thank you to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.!

I am pleased to acknowledge the Knights Templar Eye Foundation’s generous grant of \$60,000 to Children’s Hospital Boston in support of Dr. Gena Heidary’s research project, “Non-invasive Monitoring of Intracranial Pressure in Papilledema Patients.”

With your support, Dr. Heidary will study a new and safer way to monitor intracranial pressure in children with Papilledema, a condition that can severely damage the optic nerve and lead to permanent vision loss. This research has the potential to lead to the development of a non-invasive tool that will allow for the early diagnosis and treatment of Papilledema in young patients.

On behalf of Children’s Hospital Boston, I extend my deepest thanks to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation whose generosity makes this important work possible.

Sincerely, James Mandell, M.D.
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Note: For more Information on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Pediatric Ophthalmology Grant programs go to our web site:

<http://www.knightstemplar.org/ktef/grantinfo.html>

Thank you to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as one of the \$60,000 2012 – 2013 Starter Grant recipients from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

I am a protein biochemist with an emphasis in the deep molecular biology of retinal degeneration diseases, mainly Leber Congenital Amaurosis type 1 (LCA1). My plan is to pursue my career as a tenure track faculty member of the cell biology department of Oklahoma University Health Science Center, so I can have a broader opportunity to make a difference in society by doing good and honest science. You have no idea how much this grant means to me. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to my dream, which is finding a solution for this debilitating disease which affects many children all around the world.

By awarding me the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Grant, you have lightened my research financial burden which allows me to expand more on the most important aspect of this disease. I promise you that you will be proud of the decision you made and proud of me as well and that I will do all my best to use this money to make a difference.

Thank you so much again and God bless everyone at the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Sincerely ,

Seifollah Azadi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Research
Cell Biology Department, Oklahoma University Health Science Center

To the Sir Knights who support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation;

Thank you so much for your support of Dr. Brinda Muthusamy's research at the Wilmer Eye Institute. Your grant of \$60,000 will help to serve our primary mission of contributing to ophthalmic knowledge and reducing suffering from blindness and vision loss.

Every day our faculty is diligently working on better ways to treat and hopefully cure the many eye diseases that affect our patients. This takes great effort, not only because of the scientific complexity of eye diseases, but also the lack of secure financial resources to complete this work. With the stressed economy and dwindling NIH grant funding, our researchers struggle to find funding to pursue their theories that could one day cure eye diseases that affect millions all over the world.

With your support, the Wilmer Eye Institute has an advantage; your willingness to contribute to their efforts makes it easier for our researchers to make important discoveries. Without generous donors like you, we would be standing still in the face of blindness in premature infants or of vision loss in patients with age-related macular degeneration. Fortunately millions have benefited from the great strides Wilmer has taken, and we hope to continue to help patients who are fighting to keep their sight.

We are grateful for your generosity and hope that you will take great pride in the important difference that your gift makes.

Sincerely,

Peter J. McDonnell, M.D.

Director and William Holland Wilmer Professor of Ophthalmology
Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
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Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



THE APARTMENTS OF THE GRAND PRELATE *and* THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Year of our Lord 2012

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

A TOAST TO THE GRAND MASTER CHRISTMAS 2012

There is a well-known story about President and Past Grand Master of Masons in Missouri, Harry S. Truman. When he was president, he had a desk sign stating "The Buck Stops Here," as he considered his leadership position in our country and the free world. He put great stock in the importance of both his decisions (pro-active) and his responses (re-active) to issues and problems brought to him.

Within our order, the decisions and reactions that come to the Grand Master, although on an (obviously) smaller scale, in many respects function in a similar manner. Your leadership "sets the tone" for how we function, not only at the national level, but how we work together at all levels of Templary. We talk about being "at war" against dishonesty, hypocrisy, and alienation among Christians or among Christians and people of other religions. All of this is to be considered as we carry the banner for the Prince of Peace. Our, and your, primary obligations are to Him. How you lead is critical.

Grand Master, we affirm you as a man of FAITH who lives that faith rather than simply declaring it. That gives us HOPE as we follow your example, being encouraged by it to live and work to serve for Christ's victory and reconciliation among peoples. We have been often misled by the *King James Version of the Bible* that makes CHARITY simply good works. Properly translated, the Greek word "agape" means the love of God which includes good works but is much more encompassing. It means living in all aspects of our lives the "agape" as shown in the life of our Savior.

As you lead us in this Christmas season, let us remember how important it was THAT Jesus came to us, rather than losing perspective as we retell the stories of HOW he came.

A toast to you, Most Eminent Grand Master David Dixon Goodwin, as you lead us into these coming Christian Years.

In His name,
Sir Knight and Reverend William D. Hartman, Grand Prelate

The Committee on Religious Activities

Sir Knight and Reverend James R. Herrington, P.G.C., Chairman
Sir Knight and Reverend Timothy M. Taylor, Sr., P.G.C.
Sir Knight and Reverend Bruce Bellmore, P.G.C.



GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE

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

Knightly Greetings!

I extend my sincere thanks to the Committee on Religious Activities and the Right Eminent Grand Prelate for their thoughtful and inspiring toast this year.

Their lesson regarding leadership will inspire me to lead this fine Christian Masonic order with renewed passion and vigor. I promise to lead our Fraternity to new and greater heights keeping our values close to my heart.

Their thread of Faith, Hope, and Charity throughout the message reminds each of us of those cardinal virtues that we have sworn to protect and by which we should live our lives.

Their admonition to us to remember how important it is THAT Jesus came to us rather than HOW He came to us holds the key to our faith. We must remember that Jesus came to save mankind from sin, to reveal God's character to us, and to show us the way to God and to everlasting life. If we live our lives with this in mind, each of us, the Masonic order of Knights Templar, and our Christian faith shall be successful.

The officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and their ladies join with my lady, Marci, and me in wishing each of you and your families a most Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Courteously,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Goodwin", written over a light blue circular watermark.

David Dixon Goodwin, 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 2012.

Social Media: A Commandery Dilemma

By
Sir Knight Michael Blair

We live in some truly amazing times. Social media is transforming communications in ways that were unimaginable just a couple of decades ago. We often read about the accelerating pace of innovation, but nowhere is this more pronounced than in the world of communications.

With the onset of the Internet and the birth of social media sites, we in Masonry have a number of challenges before us. How can we engage these new media types? Should we love or hate them? Can they play a role in our organization? How can we use the social platform to improve our fraternity, membership, and communication? All these are great questions and should be openly discussed.

Can you imagine back in the early 1900s, how would you have communicated with your members, perhaps by a letter or even a telegram? The telephone was introduced, and it changed the way people communicated. Can you imagine the discussions that must have taken place in thousands of lodges around the world when someone suggested that we call and tell people that we were having a meeting? Let us not forget email; do you remember the concerns about emailing? We have seen amazing times in Masonry and in the Commandery. Change is not only a concern, it is an inevitable fact of the times we live in. I propose that we embrace the change and never be afraid

of the light. The average United States internet user spends thirty-two hours online every month. The average Facebook user spends an average of seven and three quarters hours per month on Facebook; scary or exciting potential? Yes, it is easier to turn a blind eye to the reality that younger Masons and Knights use these daily, but we are not a fraternity for the weak of heart or spirit; we are the shapers and molders of the clay of man, so pick up this new working tool and engage yourself with it.

The average Facebook user has one hundred thirty friends. Just think about this. Have you shown the light of Masonry to all your friends? Seventy-seven percent of Facebook users interact with brands and groups using the site. As we move forward, we will be able to communicate more easily with the larger audience of our craft. Twitter has more than one hundred million users and Facebook has over nine hundred one million.

First, let us take a second and define what social media is and is not. Social media is communication between like-minded people in an online space. This is a good generalization of what social media is and how it allows people to communicate, discuss, and learn about a specific topic. Social media is not a sales platform as it applies to Commandery and Masonry. It is not a networking tool to cheapen the fraternity or diminish us in any way. With sixty-two

percent of adults worldwide now using social media, it really is a way to communicate more, quicker, and easier with everyone. Yes, someone could join your group that is not a Mason or Sir Knight, but is that really a bad thing? If we offer something they want to know more about, is that not what brought us to the altar of Freemasonry? Yes, it does make us more public and available to anyone, but again, so what! Our ideals, history, teaching, and fellowship are what we offer, and it is good and true.

Social media and your Commandery is not only the main idea of this article, it is the future of how we will communicate with our members. The fact that most of us are carrying a smartphone with access to a number of social media platforms is a great opportunity to improve our communication not only with our Sir Knights but with any Sir Knight that might want to know about your asylum's activities.

The lesson we can learn from social media is that people want to share, collaborate, and engage with other Sir Knights using this new media. Social media is where many younger Sir Knights

are turning to get the latest information, so I implore you all to be open to the possibility that if membership is our problem, maybe we should look at how we communicate and engage our members. Social media is not just for FarmVille anymore.

Editor's Note

For you vintage Sir Knights like me, FarmVille is a farming simulation social network game invented in 2009 and was once the most popular game on Facebook. I had to look it up. Where? - on the internet of course. The Ed.

End Notes

1. Source: Adage.com
2. Source: <http://thesocialskinny.com/99-new-social-media-stats-for-2012/>

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IN MEMORIAM



Thomas Brandt Anderson
Utah
Grand Commander 1976
Born: November 23, 1940
Died: September 27, 2012

A. Lynn Sanburg
Colorado
Grand Commander 1986
Born: April 3, 1928
Died: September 16, 2012

Stephen Lutz
New Jersey
Grand Commander 2002
Born: January 27, 1939
Died: October 9, 2012



**GRAND ENCAMPMENT
EASTER OBSERVANCES
MARCH 31, 2013**

**The officers of the Grand Encampment
are proud to announce
three Easter observances for 2013**

83rd Annual East Coast Observance
George Washington Masonic Memorial
Alexandria, Virginia

3rd Annual West Coast Observance
Shrine Auditorium
Los Angeles, California

1st Annual Mid-America Observance
World War I Memorial
Kansas City, Missouri

*Full details of all observances will be published in the
January 2013 Knight Templar Magazine*



Beauceant News

(Mrs. Joe) LeiLani Cortez was installed as the 93rd Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly, Social Order of the Beauceant in the ballroom of the Radisson Hotel – Fossil Creek, Ft. Worth, Texas on September 28, 2012. Eighteen elected and appointed Supreme Officers were installed with her. (Mrs. W. Joe) Katie Ryland, PSWP, served as installing officer.



Pictured front row from left to right are : Mrs. Joseph Bongiovi, Fredericksburg No. 266, Virginia/Kingsport No. 244, Tennessee, Supreme Marshal; Mrs. Richard D. Brown, Wichita No. 8, Kansas/Stillwater No. 124 Oklahoma, Supreme Recorder; Mrs. Leslie Loomis, Elizabethtown No. 265, Pennsylvania, Supreme Second Vice President; Mrs. John A. Brogan, San Antonio No. 159, Texas, Supreme Most Worthy Oracle; Mrs. Joe Cortez, Phoenix No. 213, Arizona, Supreme Worthy President; Mrs. T. Michael Fegan, Salina No. 229/Wichita No. 8, Kansas, Supreme First Vice President; Mrs. Thomas R. Derby, Santa Ana No. 61/San Bernardino No. 200, California, Supreme Preceptress; Mrs. Darryl R. Burt, Melrose No. 204, Texas, Supreme Treasurer; and Mrs. Joe Blair, Dallas No. 63, Texas, Supreme Assistant Marshal.

Pictured back row from left to right are: Mrs. Robert Gannaway, Santa Ana No. 61/San Bernardino No. 200, California, Supreme Chaplain; Mrs. Michael Sutton, Pocatello No. 120, Idaho, Supreme Director of Music; Mrs. John S. Smedile, Tampa No. 208, Florida, Supreme Historian; Mrs. Lawrence Smith, Fredericksburg No. 266, Virginia, Supreme Courier; Mrs. James Hoover, Phoenix No. 213, Arizona, Supreme Standard Bearer; Mrs. Jerry Evans, Las Vegas No. 207, Nevada, Supreme Color Bearer; Mrs. F. Wayne Bowman, Phoenix No. 213, Arizona, Supreme Mistress of the Wardrobe; Mrs. Bruce Ewald, Los Angeles No. 42, California, Supreme Daughter of the Household; Mrs. Robert C. Coe, Santa Ana No. 61/Los Angeles No. 42, California, Supreme Inner Guard; and Mrs. J. Barney Lusk, Mobile No. 231, Alabama, Supreme Outer Guard.

Eight Sir Knights representing Arizona, California, and Texas served as honor guard for the retiring march.



Pictured from left to right flanking Mrs. Cortez are: Sir Knight Larry Whitfield, Texas; Sir Knight Hobie Henderson, Texas; Sir Knight W. Joe Ryland, California; Sir Knight Robert Richards, REGC, Arizona; Sir Knight Joe Cortez, REPGC, Arizona; Sir Knight James Robinson, Arizona; Sir Knight Bruce Ewald, California; and Sir Knight Mike Lewis, Arizona.



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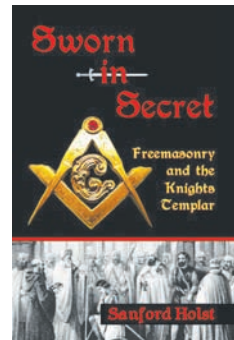
Sworn in Secret: Freemasonry and the Knights Templar by Sanford Holst, April 2012, Santorini Books, Los Angeles, CA, ISBN: 978-0-9833279-3-6.

Having previously read and enjoyed Sir Knight Holst's *Phoenician Secrets: Exploring the Ancient Mediterranean*, I was quite happy to be able to review this book. Sir Knight Holst is a noted historian and scholar as well as being a Freemason. He has a style of writing that, unlike most history book authors, is vivid and keeps your attention without being in the least encumbered with dry pedantry. He answers the question: What were Masons doing in the formative early years of the Craft and why were they doing it?

He takes us from the construction of the pyramids to the role of the Phoenicians in trade and shipping throughout the Mediterranean area and the interaction of this seafaring people with the societies (Egyptian, Minoan, and Greek) then existing in the Levant. He next explores the role of Hiram of Tyre in assisting Solomon in the construction of the first Temple and continues with a discussion of the Roman Empire and its occupation of Judea. He presents the evidence for a series of secret passageways or chambers under the Temple Mount.

After briefly reviewing the spread of Islam throughout the Mediterranean area, he arrives at a discussion of the Templars and the Crusades and how they may have been aided by Lebanese Christians. These latter, being the descendants of the ancient Phoenicians, may also have been used by the Templars and Crusaders to build the walls and defenses needed by the western Christians in Outremer to withstand the attacks and sieges of the Islamic forces. He is careful to point out the three distinct groups of Templars and their duties. He also goes on to describe in detail the persecution of the Templars in 14th Century Europe and how many of them may have found safe havens or places of refuge to escape the oppression of the order.

A nice discussion of Masonry, both operative and speculative, in Scotland and England during the 14th through the 17th centuries then follows as the author offers existing the-



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ories as well as his own opinions as to how the Knights Templar who evaded the wrath of kings were able to make the transition to Freemasonry and how they may have influenced the development of the Craft prior to the formation of the Premier Grand Lodge in 1717.

Much of what Bro. Holst presents can be found in other books, both Masonic and non-Masonic. What is particularly refreshing is the clarity of his presentation of historical data and details and the way he challenges you to think about events and symbols in ways that may not have been evident to you in the past.

In summary: A well-written and nicely illustrated book, easy to read, well-researched, and highly recommended.
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