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All Commanderies must file!!!!



Very few of us enjoy hearing about tax changes, but they have to be dealt with whether we like them or not. If your Commandery is doing taxes the same way you always did, you are in serious trouble.

In the good old days, small non-profit organizations with less than \$25,000 annual gross revenue did not have to file federal tax returns. This applied to most of our Commanderies. Beginning in 2007, all U.S. non-profit organizations must file, regardless of how small they are. The smallest organizations do not have to file the full form 990 but do have to file at least the form 990-N, e-postcard.

This has been discussed in Grand Encampment department meetings starting in 2008. If your U.S. Commandery or other non-profit Masonic organization has not filed some type of form 990 with the IRS for 2007, 2008, or 2009, you are no longer exempt from income tax effective May 17, 2010.

ACT NOW. For a short time, the IRS is allowing organizations such as ours to regain their exempt status. This includes a discounted fee of \$100, an expedited and simplified application process (form 1024), and retroactive reinstatement. The deadline for this temporary relief is December 31, 2012. Yes – this year only. Any organization that has not taken advantage of this relief will have to pay four times more, complete a more difficult application, and will not get retroactive reinstatement. This means you will be paying federal income tax on all income including dues.

The process for this one time offer has been discussed at department meetings for the last year and provided to Grand Recorders. The information is also available on the Grand Encampment website (the section on downloads). There you can find a PowerPoint presentation on the subject, a sample form, and instructions. Help can be obtained through your Grand Recorder. Your time is limited, and it will cost you to miss the deadline.

It's natural to hope that new complexity doesn't apply to us. However, natural isn't the same as real. If you have missed the boat since 2007, your last chance to board is now. **ACT NOW** – December 31, 2012, is the deadline.



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Grand Master's Message

As I write this last message to you as Grand Master, the thought occurs that I am reaching the end of one of life's adventures. For me it began in 1963 with my initiation into Fidelity Chapter, Order of DeMolay. The story of Jacques DeMolay intrigued me as a fourteen year old, and it still does today. The lesson of DeMolay's self sacrifice for his fellow Templars is with me as much today as it was then. The adventure continued as my family and I lived through the Palm Sunday tornado of April 11, 1965. The grateful feelings I felt toward the good men of Shawnee Commandery No. 14 of Lima, Ohio, who gave of themselves to help a fellow Sir Knight, my Dad, and his family through a difficult time of their life defines "Chivalry, Christianity, Templary – A Way of Life." Though they never heard the phrase, they lived it every day.

My initiation into the Lodge and York Rite was never a question of whether I would become a member or not but how soon the Lodge met after my 21st birthday. It was a given that I would be knighted by my Dad, Shawnee's Eminent Commander, as his Inspection candidate on March 13, 1971. You see, I wanted to join those good men. I wanted to be just like them. They exemplified what it meant to be a "good man and true," and I darn sure wanted to join with them in their works. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation was the work of Shawnee Commandery, and it would become my work. When Sir Knight Arthur Long asked me to be his appointment as an officer in the line of Shawnee Commandery when he was elected Commander, it was the realization of a dream. I was young, I was exuberant at the opportunity to serve, and life was good. That portion of the adventure came to a close in 1981 with the largest number of knightings in Shawnee Commandery in the past twenty-five years, and though I was sorry my term was coming to an end, my strong right arm, my good friend and Generalissimo, Sir Knight Kenny Ayers, would replace me as Commander.

Another phase of the adventure came when in 1987 Sir Knight Frank Crane told me that he intended to propose me as his appointment into the Grand Commandery of Ohio line as his Grand Sentinel. Again, I was excited and wanted to make a difference. A year later, following the 1988 Triennial in Lexington, Kentucky, I was appointed by Grand Master Marvin E. Fowler, as aide-de-camp to Sir Knight Ned E. Dull, Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. During the eight years of service in that capacity, I learned the inner workings of the Grand Encampment by watching and listening. Early in that Triennium, as I excused myself from a meeting of his officers, Sir Knight Fowler called me back saying, "Where I am, you are always welcome." I have never forgotten his kindness.

The ten year line of the Grand Commandery of Ohio was marked by teamwork and professionalism among those with whom I served. We accomplished much, and when that segment of this adventure came to conclusion in 1997, though I was a bit sad to come to the end, I again had a dear friend and strong supporter who would follow. Sir Knight Sylvester Maust had been by my side as my Deputy and became a great Grand Commander. It was Sylvester who proposed a resolution encouraging me to run for the office of Grand Captain General in the Grand Encampment.

As I completed my year as Grand Commander, another part of this adventure had already begun when Grand Master James Morris Ward appointed me as his Department Commander for the East Central Department and continued in 2000 upon my election as Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment. I saw much to do and was again filled with exuberance and thrilled with the opportunity to help improve the Templary I love so much. Not only had I been elected, I would be able to follow my good friend Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin whom I had come to admire and respect.

However this next chapter in the adventure would be filled with both joy and sorrow. Joy in seeing Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin elected Grand Captain General in 2003 but sorrow in losing my dear friend Sir Knight Doug Johnson who had been as close to me as a brother when we served as Department Commanders together. Joy to witness the election of Sir Knight Sid C. Dorris, III as Grand Captain General in 2006 after death interrupted Doug's campaign for that office, and then sorrow again, when my friend Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin could not complete his own adventure in 2007 and resigned as Grand Master only to die eighteen months later. Joy came again when my appointment of Sir Knight Duane Vaught was confirmed by the voting delegates in Roanoke in 2009, but sorrow came again when Sir Knight Sid Dorris died in late 2010.

In many ways, this adventure combined the bitter with the sweet, but such are the lives we all live. As I look back over the years since this adventure began, I am so grateful to have been surrounded by good men who wanted to make a difference and leave Templary better than they found it. All they ever wanted was an opportunity to do good things and to do what was right. I have seen it at all levels, and through this entire adventure, I have been blessed to have a good team to work with in whatever office I held along the way. I have said many times in this space how lucky I have been to have such fine officers, department commanders, committee people, and Grand Commanders. I thank God that he sent them my way, and I am very grateful. Throughout this adventure, the "sweet" has been abundant.

As I come to the end of my adventure, I have been blessed once more to have had another good man to follow me and help me every step of the last part of this adventure. I thank God for Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin who will soon become your Grand Master. I look forward and pray that he is as fortunate to be surrounded by good men as I have been. I am sure he will be.

I believe we have made a difference and left Templary better for our passing its way. I shall not list what I feel are the achievements but will leave that to others. If it was valuable and worthwhile, others will praise it. I am just grateful to have been able to have been a part of such an adventure and will pray for those who follow that their adventure will be as worthwhile and rewarding for them as my adventure has been for me.

Bob Hope used to close by singing "Thanks for the Memories." Jimmy Durante, "And good night Mrs. Calabash wherever you are." Red Skelton, "Good Night and God Bless." I will merely close by saying, "It has been a privilege! – I love you all."



William H. Koon, II, GCT
Grand Master



Prelate's Chapel

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

"... the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing" (II Timothy 4:6b-8).

This month in Alexandria, our Grand Master, William H. Koon, II, will have completed his term of office (as well as the previous term of Grand Master Richard B. Baldwin, deceased). Indeed, he has fought the good fight, finished the race that was set before him, and kept the faith in which we all so ardently believe. Our Grand Master faced many "battles" during his term, always keeping faith with the precepts and beliefs of Knight Templary. He has led us these past five years with devotion, hard work, long travels, and earnest discussion, all with a willing heart. We owe him our gratitude for a "job well done." To Lady Elizabeth, who I am sure is looking forward to recapturing space, time, and a little more of "Billy," we also owe deep love and gratitude for sharing in a long and perilous journey. May the days ahead be a time of renewal for you, your family, and your friends.

St. Paul refers to the "crown of righteousness," which the Lord will award to him on "that" day, the day when Paul stands before his Lord beyond this life. I would refer to the Gospel of Matthew and the parable Jesus taught about the wise and foolish servants (25:14-30). To me, there can be no greater reward than to hear the words of our Master, "Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joy of your Master." We too say to you, Grand Master Koon, Well Done!

Sir Knights, our work is not done. We look forward to the leadership of our new Grand Master, David Dixon Goodwin. There is still much to do for Knight Templary, and I know that Sir Knight Goodwin will lead us into the future as Grand Master Koon has led us in the past. The words of St. Paul to Timothy echo for us too as when he charged Timothy to "preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching ... always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

"Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er your face appears;
Your cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light:
The Crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might."

(Ernest W. Shurtleff - 1887)

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Research Grants

Presentation of a Knight Templar Eye Foundation grant was made at the Washington University School of Medicine, Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences on July 18, 2011, to Luke A. Wiley, Ph.D. The grant will test how elimination of the autophagy pathway in circulating macrophages affects the blood vessel growth. Shedding light on the role of macrophage-dependent autophagy in retinopathy of prematurity could provide new avenues for prevention of pediatric blindness.



Shown in the picture below left to right are Dr. Kass, M.D., Professor and Chairman of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; Luke A. Wiley, Ph.D.; and Sir Knight Billy Boyer, Past Grand Commander and Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

A Chat With The Managing Editor

Well, we just returned from our *Knight Templar* magazine pilgrimage to Malta, Rhodes, and Athens. Nine Sir Knights and their ladies and friends came along on the trip. We are all a bit exhausted after the adventure. The pilgrimage was designed to give us an in-depth understanding of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John and the time they spent in Rhodes and Malta. Sir Knights Gary Jascur, Joe Brillhart, Jock Slavin, Dan Beaty, Jeff Nelson, Paul Robinson, and Frank Moore are now certified experts. Maybe they would be willing to share their photos with you. We visited castles, fortified cities, hospitals, acropoli, ancient ports, Greek temples, and archaeological museums. We also had time for shopping and sampling the local cuisine. I believe the participants felt it was a complete success. We will try to plan another pilgrimage in the near future.



Templar pilgrims about to enter the Grand Masters' Palace of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem in Rhodes.

John L. Palmer
Managing Editor



Above, the Maltese fortified city of Valletta built to commemorate the victory of the Great Siege.

To the right, the eyes and ears that guard the Grand Harbour of Valletta.

Below, Fort St. Elmo which was instrumental in winning the Great Siege.



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Above, part of the fortifications of the walled city in Rhodes of the Knights of St. John.

Right, Houses or dormitories where the knights lived within the fortification.



Below, a fortified castle built around an old temple of Athena by the Knights of St. John in Lindos, Rhodes.



Scottish Templars at Balantrodoch and Roslin

By
Sir Knight Sanford Holst

Balantrodoch was the Knights Templar headquarters just outside Edinburgh. If you can find a way to include Scotland in your travel plans, it is definitely worth a visit to Balantrodoch. Here you experience a little of Templar life the way it was when their encampment flourished during the Crusades.

The most visible sign of that storied past is now the ancient Templar church where they came to kneel and pray in white robes embroidered with their large red cross. The roof of the church is long since gone, but the solid walls that once

echoed to their footsteps still remain.

After services the knights walked to their manor house, located where the small town of Temple stands today. From the main road, you turn left into the lane between the houses and continue into an open field. There you find a stone arch that is believed to have been their gatehouse entry. The manor would have rested just beyond, among the cluster of trees.

One of the most intriguing things about this preceptory was that it stood only four miles from the castle of the St. Clair barons—the builders of Ross-



The old church still stands in Balantrodoch.

lyn Chapel. When Freemasonry emerged many years later, that family provided the first Grand Master of Scotland. As a result, legends abound that the St. Clairs were part of a link between Masonry and the Templars.

From Balantrodoch, Templars riding northwest on their horses could be sitting at the St. Clairs' dining table within half an hour. Whether the Templars came seeking donations or on more profound matters we do not know. But they continued to be close neighbors for almost 180 years.

From Roslin it was only an hour's ride north to Edinburgh Castle.



Entry way to the Templar manor at Balantrodoch.

History

Hugh de Payens, the first Grand Master of the Knights Templar, came riding into Scotland in 1128 to recruit knights and seek donations of land and gold. He received the gift of Balantrodoch and made it his major Scottish encampment. Although some suggest that this donation came from the St. Clairs, it is now generally agreed that it was given by King David I of Scotland.

However, de Payens had gone on the First Crusade with Sir Henry St. Clair, so some financial or other support would reasonably have been given by the baron.

Roslin

Around 1307 the St. Clairs began to build their new castle in Roslin at the same time the Templars were attacked by king and Church. During the following

century, they began to raise Rosslyn Chapel which added more fuel to the fire of esoteric activities and connections to the Knights Templar. The castle and Rosslyn Chapel can still be seen today.

Edinburgh and the Grand Lodge

Edinburgh Castle stands at one end of the popular Royal Mile district, and Holyrood Abbey is at the other. Now in ruins, this abbey was the site of the Scottish Templars' trials in 1309.

A half mile north of the castle you find the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Grand Secretary David Begg was graciously supportive when we talked about the research I was doing into the early days of Freemasonry. Curator Robert L. D. Cooper provided information about Rosslyn Chapel that was much appreciated.

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To Get There

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What About the Leadership at Hiram's Store?

By
Sir Knight Joseph M. Gilbert

Sir Knight White's article "Tending Hiram's Store," March 2012, is interesting in the simplicity with which it addresses solutions to some of the issues facing our organizations today.

It is, however, that very simplicity that limits the scope of consideration. He states, "Any time there is a situation where a formerly successful business starts to fail, it is due to a problem in one or more of the following: product, service, or marketing." Such overstated generalization enables the ensuing discussion that he provides, but it significantly fails to address other factors. In fact, it prohibits the consideration of anything else by its statement that one of the three listed factors is always the culprit.

These simple generalizations fail to consider the most common and overpowering reason for business failure. That is the failure of the business's leadership or at least its management. No matter how much attention is paid to perfecting the product, to providing the epitome of customer service, and to effectively conveying all of that to the public for their consumption, if the leadership of the business fails to lead, the business will fail. If the leadership fails, for example, to insure that adequate financial resources and accountability are in place, failure is certain. If proper personnel policies are ignored, personnel turnover will so consume

the time and money of the business to guarantee failure. These are only two examples of many responsibilities that rest solely on the shoulders of the business leadership. They are well outside the limiting reasons of product, service, or marketing.

So too, the future of our organizations rests with our leaders far more than on our product, service, or marketing.

Sir Knight White's simple solutions, such as requiring attendance and designating a "greeter," are window dressing for greater deficiencies. By the way, how would required attendance be enforced?

Leadership means leading. Its duties include defining and articulating the direction of the organization. Where is the goal of each Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery displayed? What is the purpose, the mission of each organization? Why do we exist? How is that communicated to the members – originally to new members and periodically reminded to us all? What are the functions of these organizations that are tied to and support the goals, the stated purpose? If the leadership cannot clearly state, in unambiguous terms, why we exist and why we regularly meet, it is virtually impossible for the rest of us to explain. If the leadership cannot or does not lead, no one can follow.

We often tell our new brothers that they will get ever more out of this

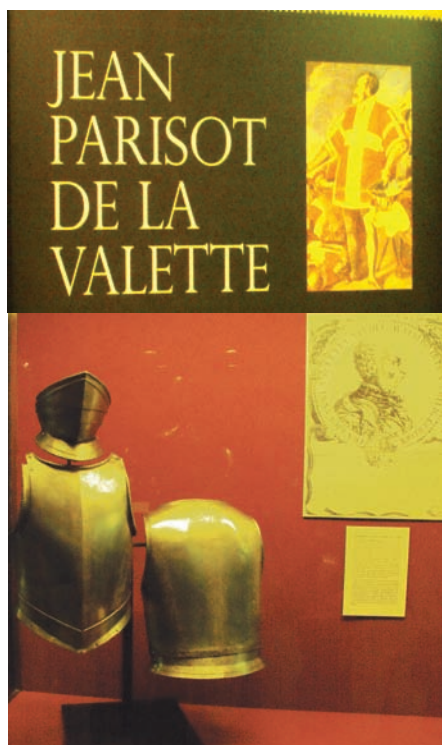
than they can put in. But we fail to ever tell them, or even suggest, what it is they will get!

Product, service, and marketing are truly important factors in a business and contribute to success or failure, but they stand silently in the shadow of the organization's leadership as a necessity for future success. It is only effective leadership that can provide the cohesion to enable the diverse functions of an organization to integrate effectively into a useful, productive, contributing, and meaningful organization, whether it is "Hiram's store" or IBM.

It is on that leadership, today's and tomorrow's, more than any other fac-

tor or combination of factors, which our Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies depend for our future. Let us tend to the functions, duties, and tasks of the organization that are clearly needed. Let us likewise expect the absolutely effective leadership that is an irreplaceable necessity, and without which failure is virtually assured.

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Letters to the Editor



Dear Brother Palmer,

I read with interest what Brother Prosser had to say about our organization and brothers of other faiths. I agree that we are no longer under the old law. (Bible) That point may have been missed. Let's look at the basic teachings of Freemasonry that Mr. Prosser mentions that we all worship the same God. Let's look at what our Grand Commander, Brother Albert Pike, left us as guidelines in *Morals and Dogma*. Go to page 11. There you will find first that the Holy Bible, square, and compasses are the only items to be found on our altars and that we are to call these items the furniture of our Lodge. In the middle of the page, he explains our Lodges and the New Testament part of the Holy Bible and that America is a Christian nation.

In answer to your question about the Qu'ran, Mr. Palmer, there is not to be a Qu'ran on any Symbolic Lodge altar, and I think I understand why the wiser men than you and I made that plain. Unless the Lodge is opened for the purpose of conferral, only the Holy Bible is authorized on the Altar. (*The Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas*, Article 223).

Let's try and understand why. First of all, Allah is not the same as Jehovah. We as Christian brothers should know what the Qur'an says to those who live their life by it. If you have one, you know that there are 114 surs (chapters) in this book. Next, it tells Muslims at sura IV, 171, "Far Exalted is He (Allah) above having a son." At sura V, Section 8, sura 51...it tells Muslims not to take Jews and Christians for friends. Now you know why Brother Pike

made it clear not to have a Qur'an on the altar in America, the Christian nation.

Jim Robbins
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Dear Sir,

In response to your letter [Sic] pg. 9, February A.D. 2012 edition of *Knight Templar* which questioned the place of Christianity in Templary, the deeper controversy is why Christianity is not universal in Masonry given the first point dating from the A.D. 926 Charter of King Athelstan; "Those who would be Masons and practice the Masonic art are required to love God and his holy church" (Source: "Arts, Parts and Points, a paper by the Southern California Research Lodge F.&A.M. in *Fraternel Review* No. 393).

The enlightened leadership of that good king led to a renaissance in human knowledge and quality of life with attendant revolutions in education, engineering, agriculture, arts, and sciences that has never been excelled. To exclude good men from this record of achievement and to obscure the realities of our history are traps which lie on the rough and rugged road of modernity.

Sir Knight Ryan C. Bailey
Olivet Commandery No. 10
Vineland, NJ



Letters to the Editor



RE: The missive of Sir Knight Timothy Walter Rickhem, Toledo Commandery (March issue 2012).

I for one, am embarrassed for you. To think that a Sir Knight would malign a Brother Sir Knight in open forum. If you had such an issue, would it not have been better to consult him in private, than drag the name of a brother Knight, through the mire?

In days of yore, we Knights could always depend upon each to watch our backs, as it were. Not once were the disagreements among us, to be set forth upon the waves, for all to read. If you were so adamant that you felt wronged personally...because the rest of us took little notice, I assure you, that you should have made it clear that you were speaking for yourself, and not the majority of Sir Knights.

If you remember your Masonic obligation, which all Sir Knights had to undertake once upon a time, you will recall the admonition to stand by your brothers, except for murder and treason. This qualifies not, on either point. If you are representative of the Knights in Toledo, I will not lower my standards to that of a lesser Knight.

I have nothing but praise for this magazine. Perhaps you should, as the saying goes, "If you think you can do a better job, why aren't you?" I ask you, will you submit your application to this magazine. If not....

Sir Knight Hawk Houston
Captain General
Peninsular Commandery No. 8
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dear S.K. John,

HOLY TOLEDO! I felt sorry for you, to be on the receiving end of Sir Knight Rickheim's rant. I agree with you; you made the right decision to stop the "voices." I personally don't do the puzzles, so I could take them or leave them. Please let us continue to, "See up your good work, ..."

So mote it be.

Brad Barker



Sir Knight Editor:

Wow: I was not aware that you had done anything to deserve the critical remarks in the letters this month.

May I offer my support to the (in my humble opinion) excellent job you have been doing as editor. I find the magazine interesting and informative and enjoy the diversity of opinions and interpretation of theology expressed. I support your well reasoned decision to eliminate the free advertising which I had found limited and repetitive.

I commend your response to Sir Knight Rickheim. (I had to look twice to confirm that his letter was closed "respectfully")

Faternally,

Randall Foster Claremont Commandery
No. 9 Rockland, ME

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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.

Artifacts recovered from Pompeii, Italy.
Photo by the editor.



Sculpture in the Vatican, Italy.
Photo by the editor.



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Letters to the Editor



Brother John,

I have to respond to your answer to the Sir Knight(?), who traduced your good name. If he knew you as well as most Tennessee Masons do, he would not have written that biased letter. I admire you for printing his trash letter so we other Knights could form our own opinion. He asked who has given you the privilege to now state this or that. Your very title gives you that privilege, that of Managing Editor. I am glad we have someone with your integrity to manage our magazine. There are always a few who try to make money at others expense, but you had the guts to stop them in their tracks. I am not sending this to be printed but you have my permission to do so if you wish.

William O. Neubert, Sr., 32°, KCCH, KYCH



Dear Sir Knight Palmer,

I received the March *Knight Templar* magazine today. I scanned through the "messages," stopping to read REG Prelate Hartman's submission. The topic of divine love was still with me when I began reading your monthly contribution A Chat With The Managing Editor. I then read the Letters to the Editor. I have to say that you did a remarkable job in your response to Timothy Rickheim's diatribe and again showed great restraint in your reply to William Arney. Perhaps Brother Hartman's choice of topics was influenced by having read the aforemen-

tioned letters. If so, it was so very appropriate. If not, it was terribly ironic!

I was appointed as editor to the Louisiana *Scottish Rite Trestleboard*, on a temporary basis, in late 2004 and as the temporary editor of the *Louisiana Freemason Magazine* in 2006. I took the positions until a permanent replacement can be found. I think they have quit looking. I fully understand the enormous task you have before you. Deadlines, content, formatting, graphic layout, and appropriate topics of interest are just a few of the headaches that you face as editor. Thankfully, one of my publications is bi-monthly and the other is quarterly so I have a break between tasks. You don't have that luxury; as one issue goes to the printer, you are already heavily involved in the next issue. You have performed yeoman's work since being appointed to the editorial position.

In each of the Louisiana publications there is a disclaimer that reads in part: Any article or views expressed in this publication are those only of the writer and do not reflect the official position..." You may have previously explored or used similar wording and decided against it. The *Knight Templar* magazine and those for which I'm responsible, don't purport to publish in-depth research papers. I could be in error, but I view the articles as being something of interest to the author and hopefully the reader. There are libraries full of books and papers by our Masonic philosophers, historians, and researchers. I would apply to them for further understanding and knowledge. The limited space in the *Knight Templar* magazine does not afford such to be printed nor would the casual



Letters to the Editor



reader find it of interest.

I found long ago to learn, to subdue my passions, and improve myself. It is obvious that you have done the same. It is more obvious to this reader that there are those brethren that still struggle with these simple concepts.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Steve Pence
Ascension Commandery No. 6
Shreveport, LA



Dear Sir Knight Palmer,

I read Sir Knight Timothy Walter Rickmei's bombastic letter to the editor immediately after reading the wonderful Grand Master's message on page 4 of the March issue. I had a hard time believing what I was reading in the former's letter. Your response surely shows the facts and you deserve an apology.

Fraternally;
Joseph F. Riley

Sir Knights,

I appreciate your sentiment and kind words, but I'm pretty tough skinned, so there is no need to feel sorry for me.

The Ed



Dear Brother Palmer;

I just had to write to tell you how much I enjoyed reading the biography of knight templar

Sir Knight Ernest Borgnine. It reminded me of past *Knight Templar* Magazines that had a biography in almost every issue. It had biographies of famous Masons, politicians, musicians, sportsman, judges, military men, etc. I enjoyed reading about them.

I hope that you will continue having biographies and might even reprint some from past issues.

Keep up the good work!

Fraternally,
Harry R. Becker
Ascalon Commandery No. 16
St. Louis, MO

Sir Knight Becker,

Sir Knight Ivan Tribe has published almost 100 biographies in our magazine over the years, and we will continue to print those he sends us about famous active Freemasons. We hope to have a book published soon that will include all the biographies he has written for us. Be on the lookout in the chat column for an announcement when it is released.

The Ed



Temple of the Greek god Poseidon located on the Acropolis in Athens. Photo by the editor.

2012 Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage



The tour guide for the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, Ezra Eini, explains the discovery of the *Dead Sea Scrolls* at Qumran. For pilgrimage information, go to www.knightstemplar.org (see Purpose/Activities page).



A ward in the hospital of the Order of St. John, Hospitallers in Malta is now used for a dining and entertainment facility. Notice that you are seeing only about one fourth of the ward which is underground and enormous. august 2012

Knightly News

A Rose is a Rose is a . . .Tribute Payment?



Frederick D. Polgardy, P.C.; Robert M. Suranofsky, E.C.; and Louis E. Starniri, P.C. of Hugh DePayens Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar.

Actually a Penn patent payment? On the night of its open installation, April 26, 2012, Hugh DePayens Commandery No. 19, Easton, Pennsylvania, donated a rare and unique piece of pre-United States history to the Marx Historical Section of the Easton Public Library, a Penn “Rose” patent dated 1763. All lands in the city of Easton were originally transferred by Penn patents (deeds) from William Penn’s heirs, his sons Thomas and Richard. This patent was most interesting for two reasons; first, it is a Rose patent requiring the payment of one red rose in March of each year to the heirs, and second, it was deeded to the county on which was erected the county’s first jail which later held Revolutionary War prisoners. After the jail relocated and a commercial building was erected, Hugh DePayens Commandery, chartered in 1860, moved to the site in 1883, and the patent was passed to us upon the purchase of the building in the early 1920s.

The patent was stored in our safe which, because of a lost combination, had not been opened for decades. This situation actually preserved the document, because it was shielded from artificial light which would have faded the hand-written lettering. After the safe’s combination was recently located and it was opened, this important document was rediscovered, and because of its historical nature, the Commandery voted to donate the document to the Easton Public Library. Ms Barbara Wiemann, library supervisor of the Marx Room Historical Section of the Easton Public Library, said that up until this time the library did not own a Penn patent and that after it is professionally preserved and digitized, it will be used for educational and historical purposes.

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KNIGHTS HONOR LITTLE LEAGUE FOUNDER AT LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

by

Sir Knight Jeffrey Kuntz

For the third consecutive year, Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, hosted by Baldwin II Commandery No. 22 of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, will be marching in the Little League Baseball World Series "Grand Slam" parade there on August 15th. Sir Knight Wilmer E. Hall, Baldwin II's favorite son Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, made arrangements for their participation in the splendid affair which takes place the third week of August every year. However, Knights Templar are not the only Masonic bodies to take part. In fact, local bodies of all area Masons will participate, making up an entire division of the twenty-some division parade that lasts over three hours. In order to honor the memory of their Masonic Brother, Carl E. Stotz, who founded Little League Baseball, Grand Commander Hall and other Masonic leaders decided to join the annual parade which opens the Little League World Series. Area Blue Lodges, all York Rite bodies, the Scottish Rite Valley of Williamsport, Shriners, Tall Cedars, and Grotto will all be represented.

Williamsport, a friendly city of only about 30,000 residents, is put on the world map for a week as many more thousands line the streets and attend the play-off games.

Various bands and other marching

units along with numerous floats, an array of fire equipment, winning teams from across the country and around the world, and dignitaries all take part in the parade which is broadcast on nationwide television.

The opening pitches of the games have been made by United States Presidents, vice presidents, and presidential candidates. The games are broadcast nation-wide by ESPN television channels. The Good Year blimp is seen flying over the field and the whole Williamsport area. Private jets carrying American and foreign dignitaries are seen flying into the small local airport so they can support their respective teams.

Little League Baseball grew from thirty boys in three teams, in 1938, to an organization of hundreds of teams in over 60 countries and on every continent, taking in over a million young boys and girls. In the hearts and minds of those who knew him, Carl E. Stotz (1910-1990) was a very humble man whose cares and concerns were strictly for the young players. He strongly disapproved of much of the commercialism and grandeur that has developed with that great sports organization through the years.

Stotz created the game of Little League Baseball not only to adjust the rules of the game to make it suitable for boys 8 to 12 years of age, but also to keep them off the streets, help them

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build character, and teach them good sportsmanship. One day in the summer of 1938, Carl was playing a game with his two nephews when one of the boys missed a ball hit by his brother. For fear of the ball ending up on the neighbor's property, Carl ran to intercept it, but tripped over a clump of trimmed bushes, slightly cutting his lower leg. The boys ran to their uncle as he tended his minor wound. At that moment, the revelation hit him. He told his nephews, then and there that he was going to invent a baseball game with a field, gear, and rules that would make it safer and fairer for guys their age.

The next several years were, therefore, very busy ones for Stotz, the boys, their parents, and volunteers who helped clear playing fields, acquire uniforms and other gear, recruit players and umpires, solicit sponsors, etc. With the support of his Lutheran Church parish, Carl and his first recruits began their tremendous task of building their new baseball league for boys. It was not all easy, though. It took Carl nearly fifty visits to local businesses for sponsorships before he procured his first one, but then others came on board.

The building process was stymied somewhat by the onset of World War II, but with its end and the return of volunteers, Little League resumed its expansion. More and more communities formed leagues. The organization spread rapidly throughout Pennsylvania and much of the United States.

With the victorious end of the war, it was a time when many veterans and other men were inspired by patriotism, family values, and religious faith. Carl Stotz was among the many young men who felt the call to join the Freemasons.

He petitioned John F. Laedlein Lodge No. 707 in Williamsport in 1946. The next year, he joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Williamsport. According to his daughter, Karen Myers, Stotz joined the Masons because he felt that the fraternity espouses the high principles he believed in.

By 1947, Little League Baseball had its own playing field, a board of directors, and teams throughout much of the country. Stotz and the board resolved to establish a national Little League tournament to provide the opportunity for teams to work toward participating in play-off games at the end of the season. This incurred the need for traveling and other expenses, so Brother Stotz ran off to New York City seeking sponsorship from the U. S. Rubber Company. He negotiated an agreement with them which included authorization for that company to manufacture the footwear for Little League. Just a couple of years later, as the organization continued to grow, the board decided to call the tournament the Little League World Series.

An executive of U.S. Rubber Company, Peter J. McGovern, was appointed full-time president of Little League Baseball and offered Stotz the full-time job of promoting it, so Carl quit his job with Coca-Cola and went on the road. McGovern started forming a number of endorsement contracts for Little League. This considerable increase of commercialization, among other changes Stotz felt was not really good for the boys, caused him to become both fearful and resentful. He felt compelled to go so far as to take legal action in order to reverse the trend and return Little League to being primarily concerned with teaching and training the young players in the ways that were originally intended. His efforts were fu-

tile, however, and Carl left Little League Baseball embittered.

Although Brother Carl Stotz was not a Knight Templar, he certainly was a man of tremendous faith who did clearly live the Christian principles taught by our Lord, Jesus Christ. As Jesus teaches us all to give in the Gospels, Carl surely did give much of himself. He unselfishly gave of his heart and soul to his community,

IN MEMORIAM



Charles Ray Thomas
North Carolina
Grand Commander 1999
Born: May 7, 1928
Died: April 28, 2012

Carl L. "Buck" Locke, Sr.
West Virginia
Grand Commander 1997
Born: May 29, 1927
Died: May 22, 2012

Leroy E. Fackler
Florida
Grand Commander 2007
Born: August 23, 1934
Died: May 23, 2012

Warren D. Lichty, Jr.
Nebraska
Grand Commander 1991
Born: December 17, 1930
Died: May 23, 2012

Paul D. Warren
Texas
Grand Commander 1995
Born: May 7, 1933
Died: June 1, 2012

not just by giving young boys their own version of the great American pastime but by teaching them good sportsmanship, character development, and trust in God. He was a truly a great example of a Brother Freemason who set a great example for us all.

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Grand Encampment

Membership Awards



906-907 Paul J. Dore, Sr.
Phoenix Commandery No. 3
Phoenix, AZ
Original and 1st Bronze

908-909 Royce H. Taylor
Damascus Commandery No. 8
Pine Bluff, AR
2nd Silver Cluster and 1st Bronze

Still on the Trail of a Mystery...

By
Aimee E. Newell

Back in the August 2010 issue of *Knight Templar*, I wrote about a portrait in the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library's collection that depicts an unidentified Knight Templar. In the article, I suggested that it might be Robert H. Chamberlain (1838-1910) of Worcester, Massachusetts, who served as Grand Commander from 1891 to 1892, but this was far from a secure attribution.

Several readers contacted me after the issue was published and made helpful suggestions. A California reader submitted his comments in a letter to the editor that appeared in the January 2011 issue. While he regretted that he could not help with identifying the man in the portrait, he did make an important plea, reminding us all to document the people in our photos – whether they are prints or digital. I can't applaud his point enough. Our collection is full of images from the 1800s and 1900s that show marvelous people doing fascinating things, but we don't know who they are or, in many cases, even where.

Another reader wrote to me and suggested that if the man in the portrait was a Grand Commander, his regalia would have been trimmed with gold instead of silver. Indeed, as the General Grand Encampment started to standardize Knight Templar regalia in 1856, they mandated that the Grand Officers should wear gold trimmings.

From Montana, I was directed to a photograph of Lewis Anderson Dilley, which appeared in the February 1968 issue of *Knight Templar*.



Unidentified Man in Knights Templar Regalia, 1893, Abraham Edmonds, New York. Collection of the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, gift of Walter A. Kmiec, 80.58. Photograph by David Bohl.

sue of *Knight Templar*. Dilley wears his Templar regalia in the photo and bears a resemblance to the man in the portrait, but he wears a white sash rather than the black one worn in the portrait. As I explained in the article, the black sash was typical for New England Commanderies, so I don't think this Midwestern Knight Templar would have stood for his portrait in a black sash.

A member from Worcester County, here in Massachusetts, wrote me a very helpful email explaining that he checked the published history of Worcester County Commandery, but did not turn

up any possible identifications for the portrait. He also reiterated the questions that come from the man's regalia. For example, "if he was a Past Commander, wouldn't he be wearing a Past Commander's jewel?" The apron was unlike any this gentleman had ever seen.

The apron was a definite point of interest for me. As I mentioned in the article, it is quite unusual since it shows the cross and crown symbol rather than the far more common skull and crossbones. None of the regalia catalogs in our collection showed Knight Templar aprons with that design, so I thought that it was a conceit of the artist or a request of the subject.

Then this past spring, as I was rehousing part of our apron collection in storage,

I came across a Knight Templar apron with this design! No skull and crossbones – just the cross and crown symbol. Unfortunately, the apron does not have a label for its maker, but it does seem to date from the early 1900s. A label for its original owner, Eugene R. Stone, of Quincy, Massachusetts, is sewn to the back. Stone was born in 1871 and

served as Mayor of Quincy in 1912 and 1913. He was raised to Master Mason on February 7, 1901, and evidently also joined the Knights Templar. Stone was quite active in the local yacht club. He died on May 9, 1945.

The painting held an important place in the Museum's exhibition, *Inspired by Fashion: American Masonic Regalia*,



The painting on view in the gallery, with a Knights Templar uniform. Courtesy, Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, Lexington, Massachusetts.

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which was on view through March 10, 2012. The portrait was the centerpiece of the section about the inspiration of military uniforms on Masonic regalia. It was flanked by a WWI army uniform and a Knight Templar uniform, complete with chapeau, gauntlets, sash, and the apron with the cross and crown motif. Perhaps a museum visitor has seen the painting on exhibit and will help us solve this continuing mystery!

For more information about the exhibition, *Inspired by Fashion: American Masonic Regalia*, visit our website, www.nationalheritagemuseum.org, or call 781-861-6559. If you think you can identify the man in the portrait or have questions about our collection, please contact Dr. Aimee E. Newell at anewell@monh.org or 781-457-4144.

Aimee E. Newell, Ph.D., is the Director of Collections at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library, in Lexington, Massachusetts. If you have objects that you would like to donate to the Museum, please contact her at anewell@monh.org or 781-457-4144. To learn more about the *Inspired by Fashion* exhibition and the Museum, visit our website, www.nationalheritagemuseum.org.





Beauceant News



On Tuesday, March 6, 2012, Tyler Assembly No. 127 in Tyler, Texas, was pleased to welcome the Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. John A. Brogan, for her Official Visit. The Worthy President, Mrs. Kenneth W. Sheats, was also delighted to welcome Mrs. Raymond Shiflett and Mrs. Ray Darb as they were initiated into the Assembly. Past Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. Jack Edwards; Supreme Assistant Marshal, Mrs. Harry C. Davis; Mrs. Cecil B. Scruggs, Chairman of Supreme Registration; Mrs. David Moore, KTEF Supreme Area 5 Chairman; and Mrs. Donald G. Rogers, Chairman of Supreme Jewelry Committee, were in attendance. The Worthy President, Mrs. Kenneth W. Sheats, is also on the Supreme Courtesy Committee.



On Friday, February 24, 2012, Fort Worth Assembly No. 59 Worthy President, Mrs. Cortney Harvey, and Worth Assembly No. 264 Worthy President, Mrs. Georgia Orr, held a joint Official Visit for the Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. John A. Brogan. Both assemblies are located in Fort Worth, Texas. The Beauceant sisters were pleased to initiate Mrs. Clarence Wilson into our order. In attendance were Mrs. Richard Brown, Supreme Recorder; Mrs. Sandra Applegate, Supreme Standard Bearer; Mrs. Frank Isaacs, Supreme Inner Guard; and Mrs. Jack C. Gravatt, Supreme Treasurer Emeritus.



Beauceant News



On Thursday, March 1, 2012, Mrs. John A. Brogan made her Official Visit to Hot Springs Assembly No. 251, Arkansas. She received a warm welcome by the Worthy President Mrs. Sherrill Baker and the assembly members.



Austin Assembly No. 125 was well attended for the Official Visit of the Supreme Worthy President, Mrs. John A. Brogan, on Saturday, February 4, 2012. Worthy President, Mrs. John E. Waggoner, and officers initiated Mrs. Bruce Lewis and Mrs. Paul Crown into the assembly.



Knights

at the Bookshelf

By

Sir Knight Stephen Clements

Knights of the Cross: The truth about the Templars by Jeffrey Strickland, published 2012, ISBN 978-1-105-35162-4.

From the back cover: “The story of the Templars is one of the most desolate and obscure in the history of the medieval West...” This first impression is both odd (desolate history?) and wrong (there are hundreds of books about the Templars), but such a messy line foreshadowed the awfulness that was this book. To his credit, Brother Strickland demonstrated an encyclopedic command of original sources and reproduced often quoted but rarely seen texts relating to Templar history (such as the actual Templar rule of conduct), but the book he wrote lacked any coherent organization, purpose, and narrative style, in addition to showing an unbridled hostility to the rules of English grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Among the sins of this book, the author wrote whole sentences in untranslated Latin and French which most people don’t understand. He also mentioned a Pope Eugenics III, which any proofreading would have turned into Pope Eugenius III. He avoided the word “and” like the plague, and he frequently made hazy statements which he didn’t explain, such as: “In these structures, the monks and priests of Jerusalem had exhibited relics and all objects likely to be sacred in their eyes. They often had acquired these through their restless zeal which led them to take advantage of the naiveté of the pilgrims.” How is it that monks being zealous equates with taking advantage of pilgrims? He also clearly paid no mind to those red lines Microsoft Word threw up on page 113 to try to save this text: “Baldwin king of Jerusalem¹⁴ granted to the Templar. [66] [107] the fortified city of Gaza...”

While his crimes against English were bad enough, the author’s history had serious flaws. Apparently during the Third Crusade, 100,000 Christians died in the siege of Acre. It is unlikely that there were even 100,000 Christians on the battlefield during the Third Crusade, much less that died in the siege of one city. His telling of history came across as slap-dash, illustrated by his summarization of a dramatic campaign by the Muslims and their charismatic leader to retake Syria and Palestine and the Crusader and Templar efforts to beat them back in one paragraph. The tragedy of this book was that Brother Strickland brought together a wealth of information that would make for a great and authoritative introduction to Templar history, but for lack of basic editing and a clear idea of what story *Knights of the Cross: The truth about the Templars* was meant to tell (like what “truth” about the Templars was supposed to be revealed), this book was nearly unreadable.



Sir Knight Chad Gray of DePayens Commandery No. 11, Franklin, Tennessee recently found this old reversable apron. Although it is apparently a Templar apron, it is unusual in that it is square rather than triangular. We are guessing that it dates back to the late 1800's. Additional information would be appreciated.



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Isaiah 40:3

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