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“A Masonic Charity”

“To improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care.”
From the President

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., has been committed to preserving sight and preventing blindness since its founding in 1955.

We have provided funding for direct patient care, research, and education throughout our history. As health care has changed over the years we now look at our Mission, “To improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care” as not only following in the footsteps of our forefathers, but continuing our position as an influential member of the ophthalmic community for many years to come.

We hope you will review our history, services, and programs as described in the following pages, and that you will decide to support our Mission with your generous donation.

May we count on you?

Sincerely,

Duane L. Vaught
President

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The report of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. as of April 2016.

$148 million has been spent on research, patient care and education.
Who are the Knights Templar?...

Today’s organization known as the Knights Templar, does not claim to be a direct descendant of the ancient order of Knights Templar that was founded during the crusades in the 12th century. The purpose of those crusader knights was to protect pilgrims from danger when on their way to the Holy Land. These men took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and were renowned for their courage in battle. In 1118 A.D., Nineteen years after the successful crusade, these Poor Fellow Soldiers of Christ and the Temple of Jerusalem, as they termed themselves, were officially recognized, sanctioned, and given, for their headquarters, a building on Mount Moriah, the site of the Temple of King Solomon. Consequently, they became known as Knights of the Temple, or Knights Templar.

What are Knights Templar doing today?...

Eight centuries after the crusades, the current organization is still dedicated to assisting those in need and in using its efforts for the prevention of blindness. Because sight is a most precious gift, The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is often referred to as “A Great Humanitarian Charity.”
A history of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation must begin with knowing something about its founder, Walter Allen DeLamater, a truly remarkable man. He was born in New York City, April 18, 1880, son of Washington Irving and Clara DeLamater, descendants of the DeLamaters who, under the name of DeLamater Iron Works, were the builders of the Monitor of the historic Monitor-Merrimac Battle during the War between the States. DeLamater, Sr. was the first president of the Village of Rhinebeck, New York, founded in 1688.

Walter DeLamater’s illustrious career covered a broad range of interests. He was a soldier with a brilliant WWI record in both combat and important staff assignments. He was an executive in a broad range of industries and businesses focusing primarily on matters of organization, management, research and development, sales promotion and was a public relations consultant.

With all these diverse fields of interest in which he excelled, one ponders his decision to choose the Great Order of Templary to be his life’s work.

Young DeLamater was educated in New York City public schools and St. Mark’s private school. In 1901, at the age of 21, he married Marie West, who died March 31, 1940. They had two children, Marie Lillian (Mrs. Herbert Norton) and Walter, Jr.

His public career began March 2, 1900, when he enlisted as a Private in the 71st Infantry, New York National Guard. He became the only person in the Regiment’s long history, dating back to 1850, to rise from a Private to a Major General. In 1916 he served in the Mexican Border affair for which he received special commendation for action under extremely trying circumstances.

Remaining in the service through WWI, he was engaged in several difficult campaigns in France, received a number of awards, decorations and citations for exceptional bravery and distinguished service under heavy shell fire without regard for his personal safety, repaired roads, opening them to traffic, and supervised the evacuation of wounded under deadly shell fire.

He had been promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel in the 106th Infantry. Soon he was transferred to the 79th Division in France, and became Assistant Chief of Staff, then to the 77th Division, Chief of Staff and a full Colonel by 1920.

By the end of the war he had received numerous awards and citations for exceptional bravery as well as for brilliant staff work many times performed under deadly shell fire. For this he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. He had been promoted to the rank of Major General.

Although a Republican, Major General Walter A. DeLamater, RET. then a Soldier Citizen, upon request by Major Fiorello LaGuardia, approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt was appointed Federal Civil Works Administrator of New York City. Several other important civilian assignments followed.
His Masonic Career

He was raised a Master Mason in Halteman Lodge #412 at Middletown, New York, July 26, 1917. As might be expected, this extraordinarily energetic and talented individual joined and rose rapidly in the many degrees, orders, and rites of Masonry.

He was Knighted in Yonkers Commandery #47, New York State, March 17, 1921, and moved up rapidly through the lines. He served as Right Eminent Grand Commander, State of New York, 1934, and was elected to the Grand Encampment Line in 1937.

He told of being stricken and paralyzed in 1941 for a period of two months from a clot on the brain. During those two months the doctors said it was impossible for him to live and there wasn’t one chance in a million of his doing so. After the physicians gave him up, why then and for what purpose was he saved? It was during the Grand Conclave in 1946 that we first heard the story of Sir Knight DeLamater’s vision he had while still anesthetized for an operation. In his vision, heavenly bodies, angels, admonished him that if he lived he must do something to heal the blind as Jesus had done when on earth. After his miraculous recovery from near death he firmly believed that his recovery must have been for this divine purpose.

Prior to the September 20-26, 1952, Triennial Conclave in New Orleans, Louisiana, then Deputy Grand Master Walter Allen DeLamater, began his campaign in earnest. With all the skills of a public relations consultant he launched his campaign promoting Knights Templar Eye Hospitals in connection with existing hospitals throughout the United States. Thus fulfilling the admonitions of his vision “to heal the blind.”

The idea of a hospital or hospitals for the blind lead to many long debates and bitter arguments, prior to and during the Grand Encampment meeting. Arguments were still going on in the halls and cloakrooms before the meeting was called to order by Most Eminent Grand Master William Catron Gordon. At the conclusion, the original resolution was amended to include instead of “Eye Hospitals” the words “Eye Foundation”. After a vote, the Grand Master declared “the chair rules that the resolution is adopted by the required three-quarters vote”, but following a break another 3 hours of debate resulted in around 25 additional proceeding pages containing resolutions and clarifications which finally resulted in a final and conclusive vote which again passed by three-quarters vote.

From the very beginning, a Medical Advisory Council consisting of able and dedicated ophthalmologists from all over the country guided the Foundation. For a good many years funds for research were granted somewhat haphazardly on recommendations from knowledgeable Sir Knights but without particular focus. This would be corrected in 1985 when the distinguished Dr. Alfred Edward Maumanee, Jr., Director of the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, established a Scientific Advisory Committee. The Scientific Advisory Committee consists of five distinguished ophthalmologists from throughout the United States. This committee screens all proposals for grants for research in pediatric ophthalmology.

(taken from “A History of the Founding of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation”, written by the late Edmund F. Ball K.G.C., H.P.G.M. and Trustee of the Foundation.)
The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, incorporated in 1956, is a charity sponsored by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of the six elected officers of the Grand Encampment, all Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, and six trustees-at-large elected from and by the membership for a term of nine years. It is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions made to the Foundation are deductible by donors.

The original mission of the Foundation was “to provide assistance to those who face loss of sight due to the need for surgical treatment without regard to race, color, creed, age, sex or national origin provided they are unable to pay or receive adequate assistance from current government agencies or similar sources and to provide funds for research in curing diseases of the eye.”

On December 31, 2010, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., by direction of the board, shifted the Foundation’s focus and adopted a new mission statement “to improve vision through research, education, and supporting access to care.” The Foundation now only participates in direct patient care through the Seniors Eye Care Program in partnership with EyeCare America and the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. With this change, the Foundation is benefitting untold millions in generations to come through grants that support research and education. Our research dollars have helped develop new, non-surgical, treatments for strabismus (crossed eyes) and ophthalmologists have told us that our efforts in funding pediatric ophthalmology research have been the primary reason that there are fewer and fewer surgeries for strabismus. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., annually announces its call for research grant applications. The Foundation invites eligible investigators to submit applications for pediatric ophthalmology research grants for the award period which normally runs from July 1 to June 30. From the applications received, the Scientific Advisory Committee recommends to the Trustees which requests should be funded.

Since its inception, the Foundation has expended over $148 million on research, patient care, and education. Research grants totaling in excess of $24 million have been awarded to researchers working in the fields of pediatric ophthalmology and ophthalmic genetics.
Pediatric Ophthalmology Grants

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. is committed to support research that can help launch the careers of clinical and basic researchers focused on the prevention and cure of potentially blinding diseases in infants and children. Grants supported by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. are awarded to impact the care of infants, children, and adults. Clinical and basic research on conditions that may be potentially preventable or correctable such as amblyopia, cataract, glaucoma, optic nerve hypoplasia, nystagmus, retinopathy of prematurity, and hereditary diseases that occur at birth or within early childhood, such as retinoblastoma, is encouraged. Proposals for support of basic research on eye and visual system development also are welcome.

Each year the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., invites eligible investigators to submit applications for pediatric ophthalmology research grants:

**Career-Starter Research Grants** – up to $65,000 per grant. Applicants for these grants must be at the beginning of their academic careers and must have received a M.D., Ph.D. or equivalent degree.

**Competitive Renewal Grants** - up to $65,000 per grant to extend the original grant project for one additional year when the data collected from the original grant is compelling enough to apply.

**Training Mentors for Developing Countries (TMDC) Fellowship** – Annual stipend of $60,000 - The Scientific Advisory Committee for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation has identified a significant need for well-trained pediatric ophthalmology faculty (mentors) in developing countries. As a result the Foundation has created a 1-year fellowship to help meet that training need. Those receiving a fellowship have agreed in writing to return to their native country immediately following the fellowship to practice pediatric ophthalmology for a minimum of 5 years and, to the extent possible, be directly involved in the training of residents during those 5 years.

To hear a message from the Grand Master and the Chair of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Scientific Advisory Committee scan the QR code. 
*(free QR readers are available at your phone’s app store)*
Sources of Funds

Funds for the operation of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) are obtained from an annual assessment of each Knight Templar, contributions made by Masons from throughout the Masonic Family, fund-raising activities, memorials, wills and bequests, and donations from endowment funds or similar sources.

Special award programs for contributions include:

- **Life Sponsor** – Available to Sir Knights (members of a Commandery) who donate $30.
- **Associate Patron** – Available to any person or organization that makes a donation of $50.
- **Patron** – Available to any person or organization that makes a donation of $100.
  
  *Payments for Life Sponsor, Patron, and/or Associate Patron will exempt your Grand Commandery from further assessment to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.*

- **The Grand Master’s Club** – One Thousand Dollars enrolls you as a concerned individual in the humanitarian work of the Foundation. The Grand Master’s Club is available to all individuals, whether Templars or others, but not to organizations. Your membership in the Grand Master’s Club entitles you to a lapel pin and an engraved wall plaque.

- **The Grand Commander’s Club** – You can enroll in the Grand Commander’s Club by sending in your first installment of $100.00 or more. At the time of your enrollment, you will receive a lapel pin and wallet card (signifying your membership). In addition, members of the Grand Commander’s Club pledge to make annual contributions of $100.00 or more for nine more years until the total of $1,000.00 is reached. Once contributions total $1,000.00, the individual is enrolled in the Grand Master’s Club which entitles the member to receive a lapel pin and engraved wall plaque.

  **The Grand Master’s Club and Grand Commander’s Club are available to all individual Templars or others, but not to organizations.**

  *(As of 2/1/2015 once 25 Grand Master’s Clubs are reached, a Sword of Merit will be awarded.)*

- **Memorial Donations** – These donations are of any amount in memory of a deceased person. A form is provided on the donor envelope.

- **Honorary Gifts** – These donations are given in honor of a living person in recognition of service or friendship.

- **Wills and Bequests** – Anyone who believes in the service provided by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. may leave a bequest to the Foundation in their will.
• **Sight Crusader** – Anyone who designates the KTEF in their will and provides suitable notification to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. will be listed in the Gold Book and designated a Sight Crusader.

• **The Permanent Donor Fund** – This unique fund gives perpetual recognition to any person or organization that becomes a recipient of the Golden Chalice or Sword of Merit. Recognition is given by presentation of the Golden Chalice or Sword of Merit and the name and amount contributed appear in the Annual Report on a continuing basis. Additional donations by the individual or organization in the amount of $1,000 or more will be acknowledged in future annual reports. The donor may be an organization, foundation, corporation, or individual.

• **The Grand Master’s Sword of Merit** – This coveted award is given in recognition of a single donation of $25,000 or more. The donation may be applied to the Permanent Donor Fund.

• **The Golden Chalice** – The Chalice is awarded in recognition of a single donation of $10,000 or more. The donation may be applied to the Permanent Donor Fund.
In 2011, the Board explored the feasibility and desirability of establishing an endowed professorship program at a leading research university or teaching hospital focusing on ophthalmic education. Preliminary groundwork proved positive and in 2012 the President formed a committee of Board members to further explore this idea.

Advantages to the Foundation of endowing a professorship identified by the committee included the fact that an endowed professorship would be consistent with the Foundation’s mission, it would provide a perpetual benefit to the Foundation from a one-time investment, it would promote visibility of the Foundation, and it would create a new partnership legacy for the Foundation. Advantages to the institution identified by the committee included the fact that an endowed professorship would provide the institution with a financial resource, it would be consistent with the institution’s mission statement, and it would provide publicity for the institution.

In August 2013, the committee recommended, and the Board subsequently approved, committing $2 million, matched dollar for dollar, to establish the first endowed professorship to be named:

“Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., Professor of Ophthalmology Research”

to

Michael Brodsky, M.D.

at

The Mayo Clinic

campuses in Rochester, MN; Phoenix, AZ; and Jacksonville, FL

In August 2015, the committee again recommended, and the Board subsequently approved, committing another $2 million, matched dollar for dollar, to establish the second endowed professorship to be named:

“Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., Professor of Ophthalmology”

to

Thomas McCarthy Bosley, M.D.

at

The Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD
Grant Awarded to the Apl.de.ap Foundation

Campaign for Filipino Children

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation board approved and awarded a $95,000 grant to assist in purchasing a digital imaging system that would be used in a pilot program for the Apl.de.ap Foundation formed by Allan Pineda Lindo better known as Apl.de.ap, a member of the Grammy Award-winning group, The Black Eyed Peas.

The Campaign for Filipino Children is an initiative that addresses a critical medical concern in the Philippines, the pediatric eye affliction known as retinopathy of prematurity. At least ten percent of all births in the Philippines involve premature babies, these premature births are the result of the relative deficient nature of prenatal care available to the poor. At least thirty percent of these premature babies develop retinopathy of prematurity, a disease that causes abnormal blood vessel growth in the retina from excessive oxygenation. If the affliction is not treated within 48 hours of diagnosis, these premature babies become permanently blind.

For four pilot hospitals alone, the initiative will train from 6 to 10 medical practitioners from each hospital, a total of 24 to 40, and potentially prevent blindness for 4,380 premature babies each year. In the future, doctors from these pilot hospitals will train their counterparts in other hospitals. The goal is to create the internal capacity in the Philippines to diagnose retinopathy of prematurity and perform needed surgeries within the first 48 hours of diagnosis.

The Southern Philippine Medical Center (SPMC) located in Davao City was selected by the Apl.de.ap Foundation to be the first pilot hospital to receive the equipment and 34 Sir Knights from Rajah Commandery #20, Grand Commandery of the Philippines, under the direction of Sir Knight Danilo C. Datu Sr., Grand Commander of the Philippines, attended the formal dedication as VIP guests of the Apl.de.ap Foundation.
Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting

Pediatric Ophthalmology Grant Review 2016

At an annual meeting held every March, officers and trustees of the Foundation come together with ten doctors specializing in pediatric ophthalmology from many leading hospitals and research institutions throughout the country to review the applications and recommend which applications based on the merits of the proposal should be funded with a grant.

We are pleased to report that this year we received fifty career-starter research grant applications, sixteen competitive renewal grant applications. Twenty career starter grants and ten competitive and renewal grants were recommended for funding by the committee and all thirty were approved by the officers and trustees serving on the Scientific Advisory Committee. This committee consists of Duane L. Vaught, President, member of the committee, and Trustee of the Foundation; Jeffrey N. Nelson, Chairman of the Committee, Vice President, and Trustee of the Foundation; Michael B. Johnson, member of the Committee, Vice President, and Trustee of the Foundation; David J. Kussman, member of the Committee and Trustee of the Foundation; William Jackson Jones, member of the Committee, Past President of the Foundation, and current Trustee.
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) has awarded an additional 58 travel grants to help student/trainee members attend the 2016 annual meeting, thanks to a grant to the ARVO Foundation for Eye Research from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. (KTEF)

These funds from the KTEF helped ARVO and the ARVO Foundation increase the travel grant program by nearly 25%, for a total of nearly 297 grants this year.

As the KTEF has grown since its 1955 inception, we have expanded the number and size of our grants, and we have commenced new initiatives in ophthalmology research and education. Our research grants are targeted to new research by those in the early stages of their careers.

For the second year we are excited to continue the funding of travel grants for ARVO. We believe this is an ideal expansion of our funding concept. By stretching out a helping hand to those starting their careers, we hope to encourage and expedite successful careers.

For some ARVO members, travel grants make all the difference in whether they can attend the annual meetings allowing them to present their research.

ARVO Foundation/Knights Templar Eye Foundation Travel Grants

Duane L. Vaught, President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar was joined by the travel grant recipients at the 2016 ARVO annual meeting. This is the largest gathering of eye and vision researchers in the world.
Fund Raising Can be Fun

There are numerous ways to raise funds for the Annual Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. You can be creative, put on your thinking cap and ask other Sir Knights to get involved. One project may raise enough to reach the Goals set for the Campaign or more.

PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN

The purpose of the Annual Voluntary Campaign is to supplement the income of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. through bequests, gifts, endowments and other sources so that sufficient funds are available to provide the assistance as stated in the Mission Statement of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. The Voluntary Campaign runs from October 1st to April 30th annually. Funds received in the office at any time throughout the year will be credited to a campaign. It should be noted that bequests and wills are counted for credit of the Commanderies or Grand Commanderies during each Campaign.

Commanderies reaching the goal of $10.00 per member or more will receive a plaque and seal, and those Commanderies reaching a contribution of $5.00 per member but less than $10.00 per member will receive appropriate recognition for their efforts.

THE QUESTION IS OFTEN ASKED: “HOW CAN WE RAISE FUNDS?”

FIRST METHOD (The Easy Way)

Even though it may seem painful to some Sir Knights, an out of pocket or check donation from ALL SIR KNIGHTS requires the least effort. It does require a charitable attitude which we have all committed ourselves to in the Order of the Temple. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation is THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY SIR KNIGHT. This method is almost painless. “Your attitude will determine your altitude.”

SECOND METHOD (Special Approach)

Donations from outside of our membership may be accomplished with a tactful approach. These sources are businesses, fraternal organizations, foundations, and generous individuals.

THIRD METHOD (Efforts of many)

Projects require special effort, dedication, and enthusiasm of many Sir Knights who enjoy fund raising and believe in the purpose. Fun and Fellowship are part of working on projects. Give it a try.
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Your imagination will provide many other ways and methods to provide funds so “That Others May See.”

**AN IDEA FOR 100% PARTICIPATION:**

Pass a collection plate at your Christmas Observance as you would at any other religious service. By doing this, every Commandery in the Grand Encampment will have participated in the Voluntary Campaign before the end of December. PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS TO THE MEMBERS AND TRY IT. YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT THE SUCCESS.
In the pursuit of our mission to improve vision through research, education and supporting access to care, your Knights Templar Eye Foundation has partnered with the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the largest ophthalmic organization in the world, to create a Pediatric Ophthalmology Education Center. This Center, a part of the Academy’s Ophthalmic News and Education (ONE®) Network, will be comprehensive in scope, and global in reach.

Our support of this global educational resource will be an important step toward addressing a large and growing burden of vision loss. More than 285 million people globally are blind or visually impaired, and at an estimated economic cost of $3 trillion annually. Childhood blindness is among the top five causes of visual loss worldwide. An estimated 500,000 children become blind annually, and up to 60 percent of these children in developing countries are thought to die within one year. Nearly half of all blindness in children is due to avoidable causes that could be prevented with interventions using existing knowledge.

The purpose of the Pediatric Ophthalmology Education Center (Education Center) is to ensure a strong educational foundation for current and future generations of ophthalmologists, and by doing so, eliminate a lack of ophthalmic education as a contributor to global blindness. It will speed the adoption of new knowledge, technology and treatments. No such resource currently exists, even though the pace of innovation is increasing, and there is a real and growing need for the Education Center among pediatric ophthalmologists.
The Education Center will enable pediatric ophthalmologists throughout the United States and worldwide, including countries where we have Subordinate Commanderies, to access a single online resource of the highest quality content, vetted by experts. In combination with an extensive surgical simulation library, this virtual skills transfer center will address the needs of residents and fellows, mid-career practitioners, and international training programs in less-developed countries. The Education Center will teach:

- Basic science principles
- Pathology and pathogenesis of disease
- Specific disease content
- Diagnosis and differential diagnosis
- Medical and surgical management
- Risk management
- Complications management
- Patient instructions
- Outcomes assessment

Visit: www.aao.org/one

In recognition of our support, the American Academy of Ophthalmology has named the ONE® Network pediatric ophthalmology subspecialty center:

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Pediatric Ophthalmology Education Center

in perpetuity

By supporting the Pediatric Ophthalmology Education Center within the American Academy of Ophthalmology’s ONE® Network, we have a real opportunity to make a difference and improve the outcomes in eye care for children worldwide.
Providing Access to Care for Seniors

**WHAT**

EyeCare America provides eye care at no cost to those who qualify through its corps of 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists (EyeMDs) nationwide. To see if you qualify, visit their Online Referral Center at [www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org).

**WHY**

One-in-three Americans has some form of vision impairing eye disease by age 65, and nearly three million people of all ages have glaucoma. Most people do not know it either because there are often no early warning symptoms or they assume that poor sight is a natural part of growing older. Detecting and treating eye disease early through annual, dilated eye exams can prevent unnecessary vision loss and preserve sight well into the future.

**WHO**

Through its Online Referral Center, the Seniors EyeCare Program offers two types of services based on qualifications.

### Service I for:

- US citizens or legal residents
- Age 65 or older
- Have not seen an EyeMD in three or more years.
- Not belong to an HMO or have eye care through the Veteran’s Administration

These patients may be eligible to receive a comprehensive, medical eye exam and up to one year of care at no out-of-pocket cost for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam. Volunteer ophthalmologists waive co-payments and unmet deductibles, and accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full; patients without insurance receive this care at no charge.
**Service II for:**

- US Citizens or Legal Residents
- Increased risk for glaucoma (determined by their age, race and family history)
- Those who have not had an eye exam in 12 months or more.

*These patients may be eligible to receive a free glaucoma eye exam if they are uninsured.* Those who are eligible and insured will be billed for the exam and are responsible for any co-payments.

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Betty Lucas -- Director, EyeCare America  
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EyeCare America is co-sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., with additional support provided by Alcon. EyeCare America is endorsed by state and subspecialty ophthalmological societies.

*A public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, EyeCare America’s mission is to reduce avoidable blindness and severe visual impairment through education and public service.*
The Mission

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