

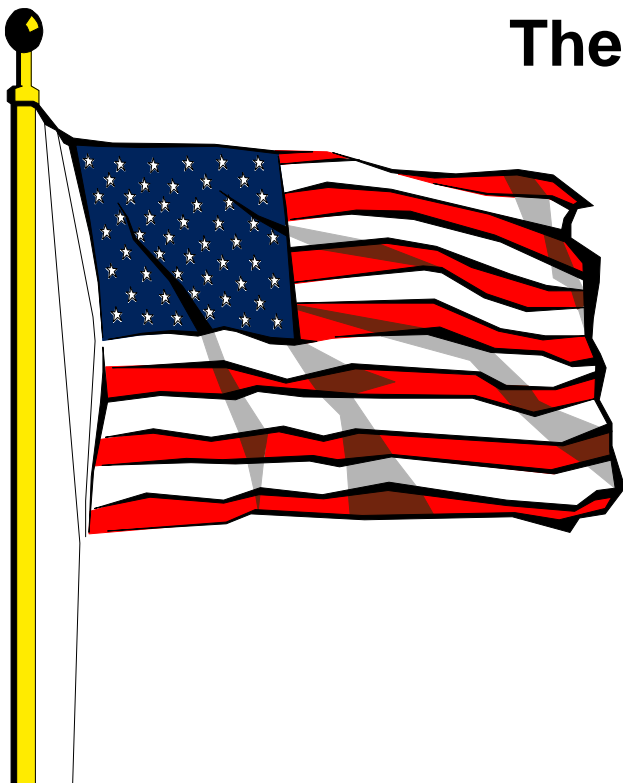


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March 21, 2008

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MEETINGS	LODGE OF PERFECTION	CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX	COUNCIL OF KADOSH	CONSISTORY
STATED MEETINGS	Second Saturday of each month, at 9:30 a.m., except third Saturday in January.	Third Saturday in January. Second Saturday of March, May, October and December at 10:30 a.m.	Third Saturday in January. Second Saturday of March, May, October and December at 10:30 a.m.	Third Saturday in January. Second Saturday of March, July, October and December at 10:30 a.m.
REUNIONS	Third Friday and Saturday of March and October.	Third Saturday of March and October.	Third Friday and Saturday of March and October.	Third Saturday of March and October.



**Panama Canal
Scottish Rite Bodies
186th Semi-Annual Reunions**

The Officers of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies announce the following schedule for the 186th Semi-Annual Reunions:

**Panama Canal
Lodge of Perfection
and Chapter of Rose Croix**

The Reunion will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, March 21 and 22, 2008, conferring the 4th to 18th Degrees of the Scottish Rite, inclusive. The fee for the Lodge of Perfection is \$100 and the fee for the Chapter of Rose Croix is \$50. Dues are \$35.00 and cover dues of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies for the remainder of 2008. Candidates must complete registration in the Secretary's office by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2008.

**Panama Canal
Council of Kadosh
and Consistory**

The Reunion will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, March 22, 2008, conferring the 19th to 32nd Degrees of the Scottish Rite, inclusive. The fee for the Council of Kadosh is \$50 and the fee for the Consistory is \$50. Candidates must complete registration in the Secretary's office by 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2008.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By: Ill. Rolando A. Linares, Jr., 33°

GREETINGS BRETHREN: For over twenty years I have been the Class Director of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies, and for the last couple of years, whenever our Secretary was out of the country, I also have been acting as Secretary at our monthly meetings. At the Stated Meeting of January 13, 2007, our Deputy, Ill. Arthur J. Kerr, 33°, G. C., announced that effective immediately, and in addition to being Class Director, I was appointed General Secretary of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies.

This is not the first time that I will be working in this office. Back in the 1970s, and again in the late 1990s after I retired from the Panama Canal Commission, I was the Assistant Secretary of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies, so I am familiar with the goings-on in this office. Although during the last few years some operational methods have changed (for the better, I must say, since we have joined the computerized world), with the help of our Deputy and the assistance of our able Office Administrator, Ms. Sara Salazar, I am becoming familiar with these new changes.

Since I last worked in the Scottish Rite office I have lost contact with many Brothers, although I have had the pleasure of seeing some of you at the Masons/Order of Eastern Star Luncheon held annually in conjunction with the Panama Canal Society Reunion in Orlando, Florida. This Luncheon was the brainchild of Right Worshipful and Illustrious Ron Lavallee after he became District Grand Master, as a way of bringing together Brother Masons and Eastern Star Sisters who had left the Isthmus many years before and who had lost contact with each other. The first Luncheon was held in 1987, since which time the District Grand Lodge has continued to sponsor this annual event.

I highly recommend that you attend one of these events. You will meet new Brothers, and reunite with those Brothers and Sisters you haven't seen in some time. Besides the camaraderie, you will also have the opportunity to listen to some very interesting speakers, such as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts who attends many of these functions, the Right Worshipful District Grand Master and the Deputy of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies, or their representative, who will bring you up-to-date not only on Masonic activities in the Panama Canal District, but also on the many advances and changes taking place in the country of Panama.

In the following issues of the Orient I will present more information on local Masonic activities.

C. WILLIAM HOMA'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Charles William Homa, 32°, KCCH, celebrated his 90th birthday at the Intercontinental Hotel in Panama on July 8, 2006. He was joined by about 150 of his friends and family members. Ill. Bruce Homa, 33° and his wife Chris organized the event along with other siblings Ill. Dean Homa, 33° and wife Kim, Fred & Donna (Homa) Kunkel from Panama, Diane Homa and Walt Hardenstine from St. Petersburg, Florida and Gary & Patricia Homa from Boca Raton, Florida. He was also joined



by his many grandchildren Deanne (Homa) Milne, Tiffany (Homa) Wenzler, Kimberly Homa, Grant Homa, Ryan Homa, Brandon Homa, Freddy Kunkel, Zachary Kunkel, Zabrina Kunkel and Kelsey Kunkel. Highlighting the night was a beautiful presentation of photos, transferred to a DVD, that followed the life of Bill from childhood through school, getting married, his coming to Panama, raising children and his life in general.

C. William Homa with immediate family of siblings and grandchildren.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF MASONRY AT WORK

An article which appeared on page 30 of the June 15-28, 2007, edition of *The Visitor*, a freely-distributed newspaper with local information directed mainly at persons visiting, or wishing to reside in, Panama, reported how Ziska Hartmann, a young boy from the mountains of Chiriqui born with a cleft palate, was helped by a neighbor, Carl Pfiffer, a Canal Zone employee and long-time member of Sojourners Lodge, located in Cristobal, Canal Zone.

Brother Pfiffer offered to take Ziska to Panama City where he had the necessary medical contacts to help the young boy, and pay for his care. He informed the boy's father that the several surgeries plus the healing time could take up to three years. During the time Ziska stayed with the Pfiffers he became very close to their daughter Lois, and the two became inseparable. After a successful operation in 1942, Ziska went back to his home in the mountains of Chiriqui. The Pfiffer family moved on and, despite occasional letters, contact between Ziska and his childhood friend Lois faded with the years.

After reading an article about Alois Hartmann, Ziska's father, which appeared in an earlier edition of *The Visitor*, Lois Pfiffer decided to return to Panama and visit her old home in the mountains of Chiriqui. With the assistance of David Bell, who had written the article about Alois, Lois and her daughter Margaret drove to the Hartmann's coffee estate in Santa Clara, near El Volcan. For the first time in sixty years Ziska and Lois were reunited, in a long embrace with tears running down each other's cheeks. Lois thought that after all these years he would not remember her, but Ziska told her, "Oh no Lois, I have never forgotten you".

A beautiful ending to a story that began back during the years of World War II, when a Brother Mason, Carl Pfiffer, and his daughter Lois stretched out a hand of friendship to a young boy from the mountains of Chiriqui.

Officers 2007

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Senior Warden	Victor M. Ramirez	Master of Ceremonies	Roy E. Smith
Junior Warden.....	Joseph L. Salterio	Expert.....	Helge Skjelfjord
Orator	Bruce M. Homa	Assistant Expert	Wallace M. Snyder
Almoner	Dean C. Homa	Captain of the Host	Helmut Stoeberl
Secretary	Rolando A. Linares, Jr.	Tyler.....	Clarence C. McNeese
Treasurer	Jack R. Tutzauer		

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

Wise Master	Samuel A. Anderson	Treasurer	Jack R. Tutzauer
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Orator	Helmut Stoeberl	Assistant Expert	Andres Suchy
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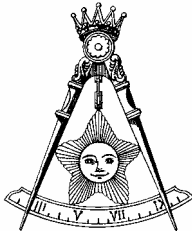
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186th Semi-Annual Reunion Schedule



Lodge of Perfection

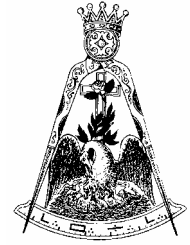
Ineffable Degrees

4° to 14°

Chapter of Rose Croix

Historical and Religious Degrees

15° to 18°



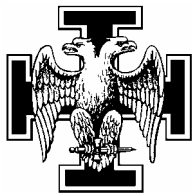
- Friday, March 20, 2008 -

4°	Secret Master	6:30 p.m.
5°	through 13°	Communicated 7:15 p.m.
14°	Perfect Elu	8:30 p.m.

** Refreshments in the Banquet Hall **

- Saturday, March 21, 2008 -

15°	Knight of the East through	
18°	Knight Rose Croix - Dark Section.....	Communicated 8:00 a.m.
18°	Knight Rose Croix - <i>Light Section</i>	8:45 a.m.



Council of Kadosh

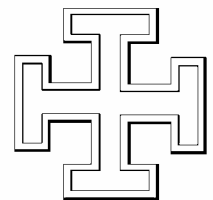
Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees

19° to 30°

Consistory

Ceremonial and Official Degrees

31° to 32°



19°	Pontiff through	
30°	Knight Kadosh or Knight of the Black and White Eagle <i>First and Second Apartments</i>	Communicated 10:30 a.m.
30°	Knight Kadosh or Knight of the Black and White Eagle <i>Third and Fourth Apartment</i>	12:45 p.m.
31°	Inspector Inquisitor.....	Communicated 2:30 p.m.
32°	Master of the Royal Secret - <i>First Apartment</i>	Communicated 2:30 p.m.
32°	Master of the Royal Secret - <i>Second Apartment</i>	3:00 p.m.

** Class Photograph - 2:45 p.m. **

Dress: *Candidates in Coat and Tie - Officers in Black Tuxedo*

*** Lunch will be served in the Banquet Hall ***

ILL. EARL R. HANCOCK, 33°, INSTALLED AS WORSHIPFUL MASTER

In December 2006, Ill. Earl Randell Hancock, 33°, was installed Worshipful Master of Joppa Lodge No. 362, Shreveport, LA, under the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

This is the second time Ill. Hancock will serve as Worshipful Master of a Lodge. In 1978, while stationed in the Panama Canal Zone as a member of the United States Air Force, he served as Worshipful Master of Chagres Lodge, at the time one of the seven Lodges under the Right Worshipful District Grand Lodge in the Canal Zone, under the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.



After his retirement from the Air Force Ill. Hancock moved to Shreveport, where he affiliated with Joppa Lodge No. 362, Masonic District No. 1, and continued his Masonic activities. Masonic District No. 1 sponsors a dyslexia school, and last April Worshipful Hancock sponsored the First Masonic District 5K Road Race, the proceeds going towards that school.

In the photo Worshipful Earl Randell Hancock is shown with his (Senior and Junior Wardens) (core of officers).

III. RALPH K. FRANGIONI, 33°

Ill. Ralph K. “Tony” Frangioni, 33°, past Secretary of the Canal Zone Scottish Rite Bodies, Past Master of Chagres Lodge, Past Deputy District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge in the Canal Zone and Past Potentate of Abou Saad Temple, was 90 years “young” on March 25, 2007.

To celebrate this special occasion, a family gathering was held at a local restaurant in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, on Saturday, March 24. The restaurant was decorated with Italian flags, red and white carnations with accents of fern, and sprinklings of confetti. The event was hosted by his dear wife, Dorothy, and loving children, daughter



Kay and son Ralph K. Jr. Numerous members of both sides of the family were in attendance, some traveling from other parts of Florida, as well as from Maryland, California, Alabama, Louisiana, New York, Texas, and as far away as Dubai, in the Arabian Emirates.

In the photo, from left to right: Jerry Pierce (Tony's son-in-law), Greg Frangioni (Tony's younger grandson), Tony Frangioni, Ralph K. III (Tony's older grandson) and Ralph K. Jr. (Tony's son).

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Coming Events Mark your calendar now!

Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - September 8, 9:30 a.m.

**The Officers of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies
announce that the 185th Semi-Annual Reunion originally
scheduled for the month of October will not be held.
Instead the following will take place.**

**Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - October 13, 9:30 a.m.
Massachusetts Masonic Hall of the District Grand Lodge**

**33° Conferral & K.C.C.H Investiture, October 20, 9:00 a.m.
Massachusetts Masonic Hall of the District Grand Lodge**