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House of the Temple Closed Weekends through end of 2009

Due to historic renovations, the House of the Temple will be closed on weekends through the end of 2009.

Visitors are always welcomed Monday-Thursday, 10:00-4:00.

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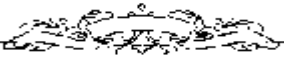


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MEETINGS	LODGE OF PERFECTION	CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX	COUNCIL OF KADOSH	CONSISTORY
STATED MEETINGS	Second Saturday of each month, at 9:30 a.m., except third Saturday in January.	Third Saturday in January. Second Saturday of March, May, October and December 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
189th Semi-Annual Reunions**

The Officers of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies announce the following schedule for the 189th Semi-Annual Reunions:

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

The Reunion will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, October 16 and 17, 2009, 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 \$67.50 and cover dues of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies for the remainder of 2009 and 2010. Candidates must complete registration in the Secretary's office by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2009.

**Panama Canal
Council of Kadosh
and Consistory**

The Reunion will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, October 17, 2009, 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, October 17, 2009.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

By: Ill. Rolando A. Linares, Jr., 33°

The following book was compiled under the auspices of The Masonic Club of Empire, Canal Zone, Republic of Panama, by Walter Irvin Beam, 32°, and John Layard Caldwell, Secretary-Treasurer of the Club.

Our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Nina Marie Brown, an ardent student and collector of Canal history, for allowing us the use of this very interesting and historical book.

**“MASONS AND MASONRY
ON THE PANAMA CANAL,
1904-1914”**



THE BEGINNING

Brother Theodore Roosevelt, a member of Mattinicock Lodge, No. 821, of Oyster Bay, New York, was the Father of the American Panama Canal. As President of the United States of America he saw the wisdom of the building of the Panama Canal, and decided that there should be an American Panama Canal. Today, the completed American Panama Canal stands as an everlasting tribute to the genius and foresight of Theodore Roosevelt.

Brother William H. Bates was born in Ontario, Canada. He was a member of Seymour Lodge, No. 277, F. & A. M., Port Dalhousie, Ontario, Canada, and Canal Zone Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Mason, Las Cascadas.

Bro. Bates entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on November 29, 1904, as the first Steam Shovel Engineer, and was the first American employee to remove a steam shovel dipperful of excavated material from the Panama Canal. After having erected a large majority of all the steam shovels used in the construction of the Panama Canal, he was appointed Superintendent of Steam Shovel Repairs. When the steam shovel work was completed in Culebra Cut, Bro. Bates was in charge of the removal of the steam shovels, prior to the admission of the waters of Gatun Lake. Therefore, to him belongs the honor of operating the first steam shovel in the world-famous Culebra Cut, and the honor of having removed the last shovel excavating in the channel of the Panama Canal.

Brother Albert H. Geddes was born in New York City, New York. He was a member of Sojourners' Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Cristobal, Canal Zone, a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in the Grand Consistory of Louisiana in New Orleans, and a member of Osman Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., St. Paul, Minnesota.

Bro. Geddes entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on April 1, 1905, as Steam Shovel Fireman. To him belongs the honor of unloading the last shovelful of dirt taken out of Culebra Cut on Shovel No. 226. At the time this book was printed, Bro. Geddes' occupation was that of Steam Shovel Engineer.

Brother William I. Hudson was born in Rose Hill, Alabama. He entered service on the Isthmus on July 20, 1912, as Steam Shovel Craneman, and left the service of the Panama Canal on September 13, 1913. He was a member of Sun Lodge No. 336, F. & A.M., of Sun, Louisiana.

Bro. Hudson, who was the craneman of Steam Shovel No. 226, had the honor of filling the last dipperful of material removed by that steam-shovel from Culebra Cut.

SYMBOLIC MASONRY ON THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA

One of the earliest lodges of which records exists was called Fidelidad No. 48, of the Grand Orient of New Granada (later to be called Colombia) in the city of Colon, Department of Panama. This lodge, working in the Spanish language, was composed of merchants and professional men of Colon and employees of the Panama Railroad. As many of the employees of the Panama Railroad were Englishmen and Americans who did not speak Spanish fluently, it was thought advisable to erect an English-speaking lodge, so a petition to the Grand Lodge of Scotland was signed by these Masons.

In February of 1898 a charter under the name of Sojourners' Lodge No. 874 was granted to the petitioners by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. During the construction of the Panama Canal Sojourners' Lodge began to grow as more Americans became members, until by 1911 practically the entire lodge was composed of Americans. Working, as it did, according to the ritual of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, it was found that the differences between that and the work of the lodges in the United States placed members demitting to American lodges under certain disadvantages. As a result, and with the consent of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for a charter for a new lodge to be erected in the Canal Zone. The petition was granted and, after working for a time under dispensation, with Bro. Clinton G. Carty as Worshipful Master, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, **Most Worshipful Everett C. Benton**, along with the Deputy Grand Master, **Right Worshipful Herbert E. Fletcher**, and the Recording Grand Secretary, **Right Worshipful Thos. W. Davis**, made an official trip to the Isthmus to install Sojourners' Lodge in Cristobal, Canal Zone, and present the Lodge a charter containing the names of 192 Brethren.

Brother Clinton G. Carty, who was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on January 31, 1905, in Building Construction Work, and resigned from the Panama Railroad Company on September 11, 1913.

He was raised in Sojourners' Lodge No. 874 and, as a result of his zeal, industry and enthusiasm, had the honor of being elected Master of that Lodge before he had been a Master Mason a year. (It was possible, under the laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, for a Master Mason to be elected from the floor of the Lodge.)

Bro. Carty was also Master of Sojourners' Lodge, U. D. (Under Dispensation) in Cristobal, Canal Zone, under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of New Orleans, Louisiana; Canal Zone Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. and Isthmian Council No. 1, R. & S. M., Las Cascadas, Canal Zone; and Orchid Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, Empire, Canal Zone.

In 1910 Sojourners' Lodge decided to build a home of its own, so a Board of Trustees was elected with **Bro. Wilbur S. Perry** as Chairman and Bro. Clinton G. Carty as Secretary-Treasurer. **Bro. H. P. Knowles** of New York City was chosen as the architect of the building. On May 30, 1911, Sojourners Lodge, together with visiting Brothers (in all about 450 Masons), opened a Masonic Lodge, formed in procession and marched through the streets of Colon City and Cristobal (Canal Zone), and proceeded to lay the cornerstone in due and ancient form in the exact northeast corner of the Canal Zone.

MASONS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CREATION OF SOJOURNERS' LODGE IN THE CANAL ZONE

Brother Graham G. Dedge, a member of Sojourners' Lodge No. 874, A.F. & A.M., Scottish Constitution, is given credit for having been, more than any other Brother, the force behind the gradual change of Sojourners' Lodge No. 874 into an American Lodge. He became Past Master of Sojourners' Lodge, Cristobal, Canal Zone, and later affiliated with Albert Pike Lodge, No. 303, in Wichita, Kansas.

W. Everett C. Benton, 33°, was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts when he granted Dispensations to Sojourners' Lodge of Cristobal and to Canal Zone Lodge of Ancon, Canal Zone.

Hezekiah A. Gudger, born in Marshall, North Carolina, was a member of French Broad Lodge, No. 297, F. & A. M., Marshall, N. C., Asheville Chapter, No. 25, Royal Arch Masons and Synne Commandery, Knights Templar, both of Asheville, N. C. He was Past Grand Master, F. & A.M., of the State of North Carolina, and a member of Osman Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Brother Gudger entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on February 26, 1905, as Judge. He later became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Canal Zone, located at Ancon, Canal Zone.

Frank L. Heald, born in Titusville, Pennsylvania, received his Entered Apprentice Degree in Peace and Concord Lodge, No. 445, Callao, Peru, and his Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees in Sojourners' Lodge, Cristobal, Canal Zone. He was a member of Canal Zone Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., and Isthmian Council No. 1, R. & S. M., both of Las Cascadas, Canal Zone; the Scottish Rite Bodies of New Orleans, Louisiana; Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota.

He entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on March 23, 1909, as Machinist. His present occupation is Dipper Dredge Engineer, located at Cristobal, Canal Zone.

(More articles from this book in future Canal Orients)

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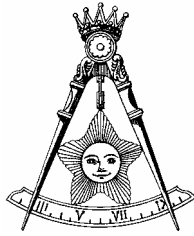
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189th Semi-Annual Reunion Schedule



Lodge of Perfection

Ineffable Degrees

4° to 14°

Chapter of Rose Croix

Historical and Religious Degrees

15° to 18°



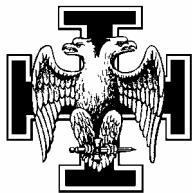
- Friday, October 16, 2009 -

- 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, October 17, 2009 -

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



Council of Kadosh

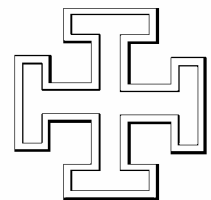
Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees

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

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Coming Events Mark your calendar now!

Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - July 11, 9:30 a.m.

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

Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - September 12, 9:30 a.m.

Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting – October 10, 9:30 a.m.

Biannual Reunion - Friday & Saturday, October 16th - 17th

Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - November 14, 9:30 a.m.