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## *The Supreme Council. 33°*

*Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America*

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## **190th Semi-Annual Reunions**

*Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix*

**March 19 - 20, 2010**

*Council of Kadosh and Consistory*

**March 20, 2010**

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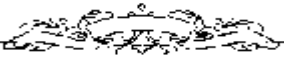


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| MEETINGS               | LODGE OF PERFECTION  | CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX  | COUNCIL OF KADOSH  | CONSISTORY  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| <b>STATED MEETINGS</b> | Second Saturday of each month, at 9:30 a.m., except third Saturday in January. | 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. |
| <b>REUNIONS</b>        | 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  
190<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Reunions**

The Officers of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies announce the following schedule for the 190<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Reunions:

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

The Reunion will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, March 19 and 20, 2010, conferring the 4<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 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 \$45.00 and cover dues of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies for the remainder of 2010. Candidates must complete registration in the Secretary's office by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 2010.

**Panama Canal  
Council of Kadosh  
and Consistory**

The Reunion will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, March 20, 2010, conferring the 19<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 20, 2010.



## NOTES FROM THE DEPUTY



By: Ill. Arthur J. Kerr, 33° G.C.

I am happy to announce that the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies just keeps rolling along. We recently lost one of our most dedicated members, Brother William L. De La Mater, 32°, KCCH, who passed away on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. I am sure that most of you are well acquainted with Bill as he has been a Mason here for many years. Then we have gained some new members (see their names on page 6). We continue to communicate with our lost or suspended members wherever possible and do our best to induce them back into the fraternity. We have had some success with this program which was developed by the Supreme Council. My Secretary has been writing personal letters to members that we have not heard from in many years. The response has been more than expected. In this personal communication between the Secretary and the Brother, it is asked that they send us information on their Masonic activities that they are involved in. The response to our questionnaire has assisted me in making some important decisions. If there is anyone who has received this letter from the Secretary and has not replied, I urge you to do so as this is for your benefit.

I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in raising the dues this year, believe me, it was necessary, and I have not had one negative response from anyone.

About the first of the year, all the retirees holding APO mailing privileges were notified that we would change our address to DPO 9100, which is a diplomatic post office under the US State Department. Last month we received some earth shaking news that we will no longer have this mailing privilege after December 31st, 2009. The reason the State Department gave was that it was costing the State Department too much money to keep extending this privilege to the retirees here in Panama. In other words it's another strike against the Veterans. Later you will be given new addresses of the members that will be affected by this change.

## 2009 Biennial Session Conferral and Investiture

It was a pleasure for me to attend the Biennial Sessions held October 5 – 6, 2009 in Washington, D.C. It is at these sessions that deserving Brothers are elected Knight Commanders of the Court of Honour and others K.C.C.H. brothers are elected and Coronated 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General (Honorary). During the session, the Panama Canal Orient had four K.C.C.H elected to receive the 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General (Honorary). On October 6, Brothers Melvin J. Nickell, Helmut Stoeberl and Benito Colon-Sanchez were coronated with this 33°.



Left to Right: Benito Colon-Sanchez, 33°, Ill. Arthur J. Kerr, 33°GC, Melvin J. Nickell, 33° and Helmut Stoeberl, 33°



Above: Richard Wharry, 33°

On our return to Panama, a Conferral was performed on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Panama Canal District Grand Lodge Masonic Hall in Vista Hermosa, Panama, with the assistance of our 33° members to confer the Sovereign Grand Inspector General (Honorary) 33° on Brother Richard Wharry who could not make the trip to Washington due to other urgent commitments. Immediately after this Coronation, I then performed the Ceremony of elevating the new members of the Court of Honour - Brothers Leslie R. Thomas, Joseph L. Salterio, Wallace M. Snyder and Fernando Muñiz-de la Rosa. After this double ceremony, we then retired to the dinning room where a very appetizing lunch was enjoyed by all.

As a matter of interest, at this session there were 748 K.C.C.H Brothers Coronated 33° Sovereign Grand Inspectors General (Honorary) and 1689 Masters of the Royal Secret were invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honour.



Left to Right: Brothers Leslie R. Thomas, Joseph L. Salterio, Wallace M. Snyder and Fernando Muñiz-de la Rosa



## GRAND CROSS

| <u>Person Received</u> | <u>G.C.</u>     | <u>33°</u>       | <u>K.C.C.H.</u>  |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Donald P. Garrido, 33° | October 5, 1999 | October 19, 1983 | October 15, 1979 |
| Arthur J. Kerr, 33°*   | October 7, 2003 | October 22, 1991 | October 19, 1987 |



## INSPECTORS GENERAL HONORARY

| <u>Person Received</u>        | <u>33°</u>        | <u>K.C.C.H.</u>   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Hugo A. Adams, 33°            | November 18, 1979 | October 15, 1973  |
| David Keith Bishop, 33°       | August 27, 2007   | October 7, 2003   |
| Frederick N. Boalt, 33°       | October 23, 1985  | October 19, 1981  |
| W. Eugene Bondurant, 33°      | January 10, 1982  | October 20, 1975  |
| William H. Breaden, 33°**     | November 6, 1977  | October 15, 1973  |
| Benito Colon-Sanchez, 33°     | October 6, 2009   | November 19, 2005 |
| James E. Cook, 33°            | October 19, 1993  | October 19, 1987  |
| Glenn A. Crowther, 33°        | October 4, 2005   | October 3, 2001   |
| Victor D. Cruz, 33°           | October 18, 1989  | October 19, 1981  |
| Manuel Cuza, 33°              | October 4, 2005   | November 22, 1995 |
| Murray Falk, 33°              | October 4, 2005   | October 3, 2001   |
| Ralph K. Frangioni, 33°       | December 15, 1961 | October 21, 1957  |
| William E. Froude, 33°        | October 22, 1991  | October 19, 1987  |
| Richard A. Gilman, 33°**      | October 19, 1983  | October 17, 1977  |
| Earl R. Hancock, 33°          | October 4, 2005   | October 17, 1977  |
| Albert F. Hanson, 33°         | October 4, 2005   | October 20, 1975  |
| Bruce M. Homa, 33°            | October 4, 2005   | October 18, 1993  |
| Dean C. Homa, 33°             | October 7, 1997   | October 21, 1991  |
| Gary L. Jugle, 33°            | October 7, 1997   | October 18, 1993  |
| James H. Johnson, 33°         | October 7, 2003   | November 21, 1997 |
| Charles R. Lavallee, 33°**    | November 18, 1979 | October 15, 1973  |
| Rolando A. Linares, Jr., 33°  | January 10, 1982  | October 17, 1977  |
| Allan V. Lokan, 33°           | October 7, 2003   | November 19, 1999 |
| Gilberto Marrero-Camacho, 33° | October 19, 1993  | October 21, 1985  |
| Robert L. McAuslin, 33°       | November 23, 1975 | October 18, 1971  |
| Clarence C. McNeese, 33°      | October 17, 1979  | October 20, 1975  |
| Woodrow C. Mitchell, 33°      | October 4, 2005   | October 21, 1991  |
| Melvin J. Nickell, 33°        | October 6, 2009   | November 19, 2005 |
| Edwin L. Rindfusz, 33°        | October 19, 1983  | October 15, 1979  |
| Robert T. Russell, Jr., 33°   | October 5, 1999   | October 18, 1993  |
| Thomas E. Sellers, 33°        | October 7, 1997   | October 17, 1983  |
| Henry F. Smith, Jr., 33°      | October 7, 2003   | November 22, 1995 |
| Joseph R. Steuart, 33°        | October 21, 1987  | October 17, 1983  |
| Helmut Stoeberl, 33°          | October 6, 2009   | November 19, 2005 |
| David E. Stocker, 33°         | January 10, 1982  | October 20, 1975  |
| Clarence E. Sykes, 33°        | November 11, 1973 | October 17, 1967  |
| Jack R. Tutzauer, 33°         | October 3, 2001   | November 21, 1997 |
| Richard A. Wharry, 33°        | October 24, 2009  | November 19, 1999 |

\* Deputy of the Supreme Council

\*\* Former Deputy of the Supreme Council





## Active Members Supreme Council, Colombia Inspectors General Honorary

Person Received

33°

K.C.C.H.

|                            |                     |    |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----|
| Ramiro Arteta Guzman ..... | July 15, 1994 ..... | •• |
| Jose Montes Hernandez..... | July 15, 1994 ..... | •• |
| Julio Cesar Hernandez..... | July 15, 1994 ..... | •• |
| Eduardo Perez Perez.....   | July 15, 1994 ..... | •• |
| Libardo Garcia Romero..... | July 15, 1994 ..... | •• |

•• The Sovereign Grand Commander waived requirements for K.:C.:H.:



## Knights Commander of the Court of Honor

|   |                   |  |                   |
|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Jaime E. Alfaro, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....     | November 22, 1995 | Calvin M. Landrum, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H. .... | October 19, 1981  |
| Richard G. Anderson, 32°, K.C.C.H. .... | October 17, 1977  | Ralph E. Malcolm, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....       | October 15, 1979  |
| Raymond L. Bennett, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....  | November 22, 1995 | Glen E. Morrell, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....        | October 19, 1987  |
| John N. Caton, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....       | November 19, 1999 | George O'Masta, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H. ....    | October 18, 1993  |
| Alcus A. Dean, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....       | October 21, 1985  | Fernando Muñiz, 32°, KCCH.....             | October 24, 2009  |
| Gerard A. Dowden, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....    | October 20, 2007  | Victor Ramirez, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....         | October 20, 2007  |
| Rudyard Duarte, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....      | November 19, 2005 | James H. Rheney, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....        | October 21, 1963  |
| Robert B. Dunn, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....      | October 7, 2003   | Joseph L. Salterio, 32°, KCCH.....         | October 24, 2009  |
| Thomas Fulcher, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....      | October 3, 2001   | Darryl L. Steiner, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....      | October 18, 1993  |
| Harold H. Harp, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....      | October 15, 1979  | Wallace M. Snyder, 32°, KCCH .....         | October 24, 2009  |
| Stevin C. Helin, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....     | November 22, 1995 | Charles H. Taylor, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....      | October 15, 1973  |
| Michael C. Hevron, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....   | November 22, 1995 | Leslie R. Thomas, 32°, KCCH .....          | October 24, 2009  |
| Richard M. King, 32°, K.C.C.H. ....     | October 21, 1985  | Forrest B. Waller, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H. .... | November 22, 1995 |
|   |                   | James W. Woods, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H. ....    | October 17, 1983  |

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET:**

Brother Victor Javier Almengor, 32°

Brother Luis Carlos Cordoba, 32°

Brother Eduardo Crocamo, 32°

Brother Cristobal Santiago Fundora, 32°

Brother Johann Gamboa, 32°

Brother Guillermo Alejandro LeBlanc, 32°

Brother Ricardo Lou, 32°

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**“MASONS AND MASONRY ON THE PANAMA CANAL  
1904-1914”  
PART II  
CONSTRUCTION OF SOJOURNERS' LODGE**

After the cornerstone for Sojourners' Lodge was laid on May 30, 1911, work proceeded until the walls were nearly completed when, for financial reasons, it became necessary to cease work. Owing to the peculiarities of the law, and unexpected opposition from certain interests in the Canal Zone, in order to complete the building the equity of Sojourners' Lodge was transferred to the Panama Railroad Company, all outstanding bonds and interest paid off, the lodge taking an option for the repurchase of the building. The building was to be completed about June 1914, and as soon as it is completed, Sojourners' Lodge will raise money for the purchase of the building by the sale of bonds.

When completed it will be self-supporting, and will be the highest building at the Atlantic end of the Canal. The first floor will be devoted to stores, the second to offices and the third and mezzanine floors will be given over to lodge room, banquet room, club rooms and kitchen. A novel feature will be a cafe and roof garden, which will afford an unrestricted view of seven miles of the Canal.

Besides affording a home for the lodge, it will also serve as a lasting monument to the Masons who have had a part in the building of the Panama Canal, and while the greater part of the brethren of Sojourners' Lodge will, within a year or two at most, have returned to their homes in the United States and demitted to lodges near them, they will be able to look back to their mother lodge with the knowledge that they have had a part in the building of a Masonic Monument which will stand for all time at the entrance of the Panama Canal.

Lodge work on the Isthmus of Panama has, as a rule, been rather unsatisfactory. Several American fraternal orders have placed subordinate lodges in the Canal Zone, but few of them have survived. The reasons for this are the transitory nature of the population, men hesitate to ally themselves with an organization when they do not know how long it will be before they return to the United States where they will have an opportunity of gaining admission to lodges in places which they can call home; and the lodge member who comes to the Isthmus rarely feels justified in taking a demit from his mother lodge to become, temporarily, a member of another lodge.

Notwithstanding these adverse circumstances, Sojourners' Lodge has had as much work as it could handle, and always a large number of applications on file. The jurisdiction of the lodge extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, a distance of approximately 50 miles, and

covers 15 different towns and villages. Its members have to travel long distances by train and boat to get to lodge, yet from a membership of 240, the average attendance is between 40 and 50, a remarkable showing under such adverse circumstances.

The instruction of candidates has been systematized by appointing an instructor in each town, who holds a class instruction on the average of once a week. During 1913, his year as Worshipful Master, **Eli D. Simms** has lived on the Pacific side of the Isthmus, and not withstanding the fact that he has had to travel 40 miles to lodge and 40 miles back home, he has sat in the East at 49 of the 63 meetings of the lodge. During this year, at almost every degree meeting a full class of candidates was handled.

Canal Zone Lodge, located at Ancon, continues to operate Under Dispensation. Although very young, it has fulfilled the necessary requirements of a year's dispensation and is confidently waiting for its charter. Upon its arrival, the charter will make Canal Zone Lodge the second duly constituted lodge of A. F. & A. M. in the Canal Zone, and place it in the enviable position on the Pacific Coast as Sojourners' Lodge occupies on the Atlantic Coast.

**Eli D. Simms**, born in Mansfield, England, was a member of Sojourners' Lodge of Cristobal, Canal Zone. His present term of office is his second as Worshipful Master of Sojourners' Lodge. He also was a member of the following York Rite Bodies located at Las Cascadas: Canal Zone Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.; Isthmian Council No. 1, R. & S. M.; Canal Zone Commandery (U.D.), Knights Templar. He was a member of Morocco Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Jacksonville, Florida.

Bro. Simms entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on September 26, 1905, as Foreman Carpenter. His present occupation is that of Foreman of the Municipal Department, Balboa, Canal Zone.

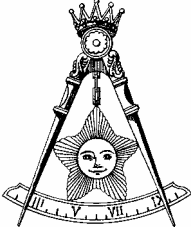
**Harry Outen Cole**, born in Morganstown, West Virginia, was a member, and Senior Warden, of Sojourners' Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Cristobal, Canal Zone. He was also a member of Canal Zone Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., Isthmian Council, No. 1, R. & S. M., Canal Zone Commandery (UD), Knights Templar, Las Cascadas, Canal Zone; Osman Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., St. Paul, Minnesota. He entered service on the Isthmus of Panama as Office Engineer, in charge of designing work for the Pacific Division. His present occupation is that of Resident Engineer of the Fifth Division (formerly Pacific Division), in charge of construction of Pedro Miguel and Miraflores Locks, Dams, Spillway, Canal Excavation, Ancon Quarry, Municipal Work, Sanitary Work, etc.

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# 190th Semi-Annual Reunion Schedule

- Friday, March 19, 2010 -



## *Lodge of Perfection*

Ineffable Degrees

4° to 14°

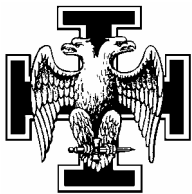
## *Chapter of Rose Croix*

Historical and Religious Degrees

15° to 18°



- Saturday, March 20, 2010 -



## *Council of Kadosh*

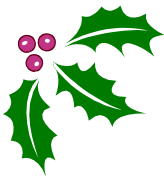
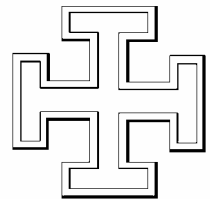
Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees

19° to 30°

## *Consistory*

Ceremonial and Official Degrees

31° to 32°



## *My Christmas Wish for you*

*May you have many perfect days in the coming year.*

*May you be able to make it happen  
whenever you wished it would happen.*

*May you pursue the things caught by your  
heart much more than the ones caught only by your eyes.*

*May you trust your heart.*

*May you risk new challenges with  
determination, enthusiasm and passion.*

*May you believe and succeed.*

*And may God bless you and your family at  
this Christmas time and always.*





# In Memoriam



Theodor Hans, 32°  
March 23, 2007 in Germany

William J Sceili, 32°  
April 3, 2009 in Seabeck, WA

John Finlason, 32°  
April 20, 2008 in Wildomar, CA

Willard W Huffman, 32°, KCCH  
April 12, 2009 in Wynne, AR

Frank C Gardner, 32°  
September 3, 2008 in Casper, WY

Sam Thomas Anderson, 32°  
April 27, 2009 in Panama, Rep. of Panama

Milton Duca, 32°  
November 15, 2008 in Hayward, CA

Robert V Poe, 32°  
May 13, 2009 in Colorado Springs, CO

Kenneth M Johnson, 32°  
December 15, 2008 in Chillicothe, IL

Frank A Ternlund, 32°  
September 20, 2009 in Florida

Richard G Twyman, 32°  
January 7, 2009 in Grants Pass, OR

William Lovell De La Mater, 32°, KCCH  
December 3, 2009 in Panama, Rep. of Panama



## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Illustrious Norris F. Fussell, 33°**

Born: July 13, 1915

Deceased: October 17, 2009

Received the 14° on January 17, 1970

Received the 18° on February 21, 1970

Received the 30° on March 21, 1970

Received the 32° on April 18, 1970

Invested with Rank and Decoration of  
Knight Commander of the Court of Honour  
October 20, 1975

Coronated an Inspector General Honorary  
and received the Thirty-Third Degree on  
October 7, 1997

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## **Coming Events Mark your calendar now!**

**Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - February 13, 9:30 a.m.**

**Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - March 13, 9:30 a.m.**

**Biannual Reunion - Friday & Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - April 10, 9:30 a.m.**

**Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting – May 8, 9:30 a.m.**

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