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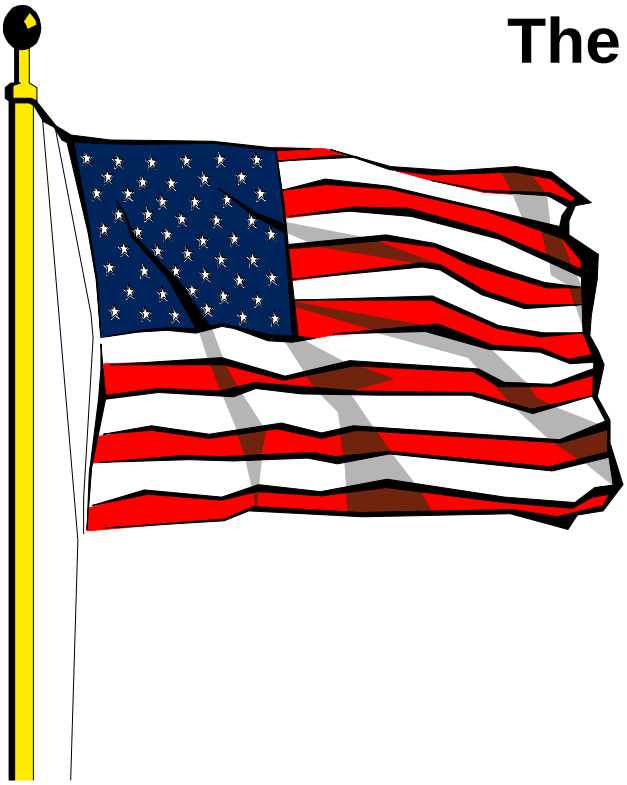

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the flag

on June 14th

193rd Semi-Annual Reunions

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October 14 - 15, 2011

Council of Kadosh and Consistory
October 15, 2011

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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 193rd Semi-Annual Reunions

The Officers of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies announce the following schedule for the 193rd Semi-Annual Reunions:

Panama Canal Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix

The Reunion will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, October 14 and 15, 2011, 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 2011 and 2012. Candidates must complete registration in the Secretary's office by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2011.

Panama Canal Council of Kadosh and Consistory

The Reunion will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, October 15, 2011, 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 15, 2011.

NOTES FROM THE DEPUTY

By: Ill. Arthur J. Kerr, 33° G.C.

This has sure been an exciting year. I can't remember when I have been so busy with so many things going on at the same time. One thing that has kept me on my toes all year is being the Recorder of Abou Saad Shrine in addition to being the Deputy. I have made several trips to foreign lands, two to Ecuador, one to Venezuela, one to Colombia and one to the Dominican Republic. Of the two trips to Ecuador, one was as the Recorder of Abou Saad where we had a ceremonial for new Shriners and the other I represented the Sovereign Grand Commander at the XVIII Sovereign Grand Commanders Conference of the Americas. The trip to Venezuela was also for the initiation of new Shriners. Colombia was an overnight visit to the Shrine Club of Colombia. One of the most enjoyable trips I had was representing our Sovereign Grand Commander on my trip to the Dominican Republic. I can't say enough about the courtesy that was extended to all that attended the 150th year anniversary of the Supreme Council of the Dominican Republic.

I've included a couple of pictures, on the following page, from my trip to Guayaquil, one is a photo taken with Ill. Richard Burgess, 33º, Representative of the Northern Jurisdiction and the other is self-explainable. I am not going to comment on it. However, if you care to make any comments about it, I would be happy to hear them. Send your comments to the Scottish Rite e-mail address pcsrb@pcscottishrite.org.

Last, but certainly not least, is a first for me. I have mailed out many 50 year certificates to Brothers over the years, but this was the first time that I had the honor of presenting one in person. During our regular Lodge of Perfection meeting held on April 09, 2011, I had the distinct honor and pleasure of presenting his 50 year certificate as a Scottish Rite Mason to Ill. James E. Cook, 33º.

Officers 2011

LODGE OF PERFECTION

V.:M.: ..... Helge Skjelfjord
Senior Warden ..... Wallace M. Snyder
Junior Warden ..... Benito Colon-Sanchez
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Prelate ..... David K. Bishop
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Expert ..... Raul E. Feuillet
Assistant Expert ..... Samuel H. Asyn
Captain of the Guard ..... Guillermo Leblanc
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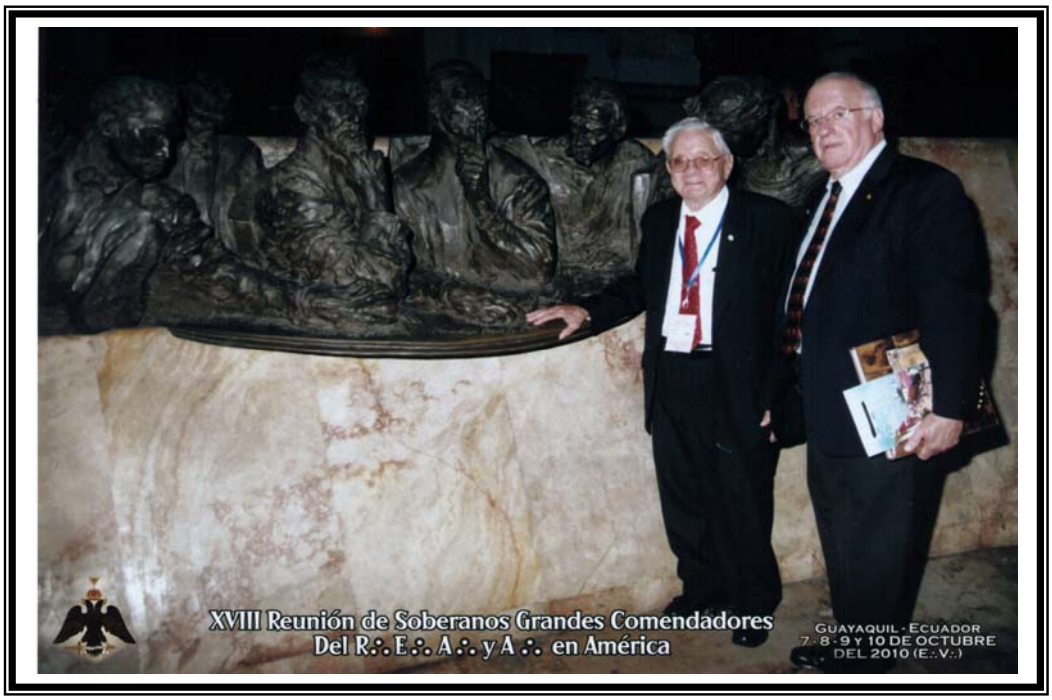
This photo of our Deputy, Ill. Arthur J. Kerr, 33º, G.C., and Ill. Richard Burgess, 33º, Representative of the Northern Jurisdiction, was taken in front of the FRAGUA DE VULCANO monument during the XVIII Sovereign Grand Commanders conference of the Americas held in Guayaquil, Ecuador, October 7/10, 2010.



Built to pay homage to the memory of the men who made possible the independence of Guayaquil, the FRAGUA DE VULCANO monument was inaugurated July 25, 2005, by the person who created it in his mind, the Mayor of Guayaquil, Lawyer Jamie Nebot Saadi.

This sculpture, built by the Spanish Architect Victor Ochoa, has two sections containing the images of those persons responsible for such a significant event.

To the left (and facing East) can be seen, Vivero, Lavayen, Roca, Ximena and Garaycoa who, together with Villamil and Antepara, form the civilian group of Guayaquil men that on October 1, 1820, organized the plot.

To the right (and also facing East) can be seen two sculptures. The first one representing the three illustrious Venezuelan men from the Numancia Batallion who joined the independence group: León de Febres Cordero, Luís Urdaneta and Miguel de Letamendi; the second one representing the brothers Antonio and Francisco Elizalde, and the Peruvian military man Gregorio Escobedo who distinguished himself in the independence movement.

On the night of October 1, 1820, in a room in the house occupied by Villamil, León, and Garaycoa, this group of men organized the movement that would forever change the future of the country.

The memory of this act is kept with the same name given by José de Antepara, "LA FRAGUA DE VULCANO".

Olmedo fills the monument with his inspiring presence. He is the Father of an independent Guayaquil, on the night of its liberty.

"MASONS AND MASONRY ON THE PANAMA CANAL 1904-1914"
PART IV

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MASONRY ON THE CANAL ZONE

Most Eminent Sir William Bromwell Melish, who, as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, by virtue of the power vested in him, granted a dispensation authorizing the Canal Zone Commandery to open and hold a Commandery of Knights Templar, and Appendant Council of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and Priory of Knights of Malta, subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the Unites States, has very courteously supplied the Chairman of the Committee which had charge of the compiling of the Record of Masons and Masonry on the Panama Canal with the following information, which concisely and fittingly describes the methods of procedure followed by the enthusiastic and hard-working Knights Templar on the Isthmus of Panama.

The following is quoted verbatim from the information furnished by Past Grand Master of Knights Templar William B. Mellish:

"On or about March 8, 1912, I received an application for a dispensation to form and open a Commandery in the Canal Zone, Isthmus of Panama, to be known as Canal Zone Commandery (U.D.) of Knights Templar. This application was signed by twenty-four Knights Templar, hailing from twelve different states and twenty different Commanderies. The demits of these fraters accompanied the petition, and a draft for $100-the usual dispensation fee-accompanied the papers, and this fee I promptly forwarded to the Grand Recorder. The petitioners presented the names of **Sir Francis W. Walraven** for the position of Commander, **Sir Frank Cotton** as Generalissimo, and **Sir Benjamin F. Metcalf** Captain-General, and asked for their appointment as such by the Grand Master should he grant the dispensation. Accompanying the petition was the following letter:

LAS CASCADAS, CANAL ZONE, February 6, 1912

To the Most Eminent Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Encampment
of Knights Templar of the United States of America:

Greeting:

Herewith is a petition signed by twenty-four Knights Templar in good standing in their respective Masonic Bodies, as the certificates which accompany this petition for a dispensation will attest.

We earnestly believe that the existing conditions now prevailing on the Canal Zone will warrant the establishment of a Commandery at this place, as there now are organized both a Royal Arch Chapter and a Council of Royal and Select Masters, each working under dispensation of their respective General Grand Bodies of the United States, each having a large membership, and the organization of a Commandery is looked forward to with interest by many.

After the completion of the Canal, there will be a force retained of 3,500 Americans, and we believe that we will be as fortunately situated to maintain the new Body as the several other Commanderies that are in remote parts of the world and seem to be doing well.

We have for a meeting place the upper floor of a church and lodge building erected by the Isthmian Canal Comission.

The signers of the petition are active members in other Masonic Bodies and will comply with all the requirements of the Grand Encampment should our prayer for a dispensation be granted.

Courteously yours,
Francis W. Walraven
For Petitioners.

"I made a thorough investigation of all the conditions connected with Freemasonry in the Canal Zone. One of my advisors was **Sir Knight C. H. R. Howe,** Assistant Division Engineer of the B. & O. R. R., now of Chillicothe, Ohio, but for years a resident of the Canal Zone. Sir Howe instituted Isthmian Council, R. & S. M., and served as T. I. M., also serving for two years in the Isthmian Masonic Advisory Board. He is also an honorary member of Canal Zone Chapter, R. A. M., and is one of the petitioners for the new Commandery. Sir Howe furnished me with the following information:

"In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., I beg to state that the `Blue Lodge´ on the Isthmus of Panama is not located at Las Cascadas, but at Colon, Republic of Panama. This Lodge, Sojourners' No. 874 (Now Sojourners' Lodge, under the holding of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts), was originally chartered in 1898 by the Grand Lodge of Scotland; they lost this charter in a fire, and a new one was granted them in 1904. They have a membership of about two hundred at present, and are erecting a new concrete Temple costing about $60,000. This Lodge is in direct fraternal communication, by special dispensation of their Grand Lodge, with every Grand jurisdiction in the U.S. The membership of Sojourners' Lodge is composed of Americans and Europeans, there are no negroes in either Lodge or Chapter above mentioned, or in Canal Zone Chapter.

"Would also add that the Master Masons on the Isthmus are not all members of Sojourners' Lodge; there are many who hold membership in the States.

"Canal Zone Chapter, No. 1 (U.D.), is located at Las Cascadas, but I presume that they will move into the new Temple at Colon, when it is complete.

"They began work on July 24, 1910, under dispensation from the General Grand Chapter of the U.S., with seventeen members. They had taken in over one hundred new members on July 24, 1911, and at this date I have no doubt there are over one hundred and fifty. All of their candidates are required to stand examination in the three preliminary Capitular Degrees before they can be exalted.

"As to the future prospects of Masonry on the Isthmus. There are at present between five and six thousand Americans engaged in constructing the Canal, and quoting Colonel Goethals, Chairman of the Canal Commission, I will state that it will require between four and five thousand men to operate the Canal after it is open. The permanent operatives to whom I refer will not be laborers, but high-class artisans, professional men, etc., in the power houses, machine shops, at at the naval reservation and dry docks, as well as in the various administrative offices.

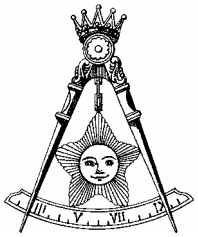
I would state that it will not be necessary for the petitioning Sir Knights of the Canal Zone to secure a private hall in which to meet, as the government has erected lodge halls in each of the larger towns on the Zone for the use of the fraternal organizations. There is no charge for the use of these halls. The one at Las Cascadas is admirably suited for Commandery work; it is located on the top of a hill. The first floor is used for religious services on Sundays; it can be adapted readily to work in the Red Cross Degree. The second floor is the regular lodge hall.

"The distance from Panama to Colon is forty-seven miles. Las Cascadas is situated approximately half way between Panama and Colon.

"The Panama Railroad, owned by the government, runs special trains regularly on Saturday nights for the benefit of fraternal societies and other events. In fact, the government does everything in reason to accommodate and foster social features in order to help preserve contentment in the minds of the employees, who are not overburdened with the forms of amusement available on the Zone."

(Due to the space limitations we had to truncate this section of the article Knight Templar Masonry on the Canal Zone, to be continued in the next Orient)

193rd Semi-Annual Reunion Schedule



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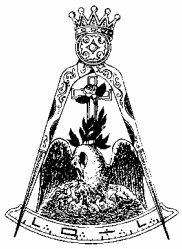
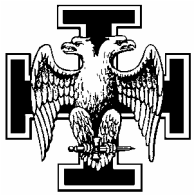


Lodge of Perfection
Ineffable Degrees
4º to 14º
Chapter of Rose Croix
Historical and Religious Degrees
15º to 18º



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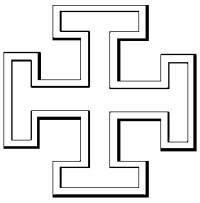


Council of Kadosh
Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees
19º to 30º
Consistory
Ceremonial and Official Degrees
31º to 32º

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET:

Brother Jorge L. Almengor, 32º
Brother Samuel Hamilton Asyn, 32º
Brother Mario Brown, 32º
Brother Pedro Cruz-Gonzalez, 32º
Brother Raul Eduardo Feuillet, 32º
Brother Jorge Gavrilidis, 32º
Brother Rex Jansen, 32º
Brother Manuel A. Ossa, 32º
Brother Danino N. Wood, 32º

In Memoriam

Merrell H. Smith, 32º
December 10, 2008
in Henderson, KY

James F. Alexander, 32º
February 15, 2009
in Miami, FL

George W. Hawn, 32º
November 09, 2009
in Mishawaka, IN

Severino La Fuente, 32º
November 17, 2009
in Tampa, FL

Allen Jackson Sellers Jr., 32º
December 15, 2009
in Panama, Rep. of Panama

Reuben H. Buffkin, 32º
December 26, 2009
in Jacksonville, FL

Roley J. Wesley, 32º
January 04, 2010
in Washington, NC

Albert F. Pate, 32º
January 12, 2010
in San Diego, CA

Kay Wellington Corn, 32º
February 20, 2010
in Springfield, MO

Kenneth H. Ward, 32º
March 05, 2010
in Sun City Ctr., FL

Duncan Laird Jr., 32º
April 04, 2010
in Lebanon, IL

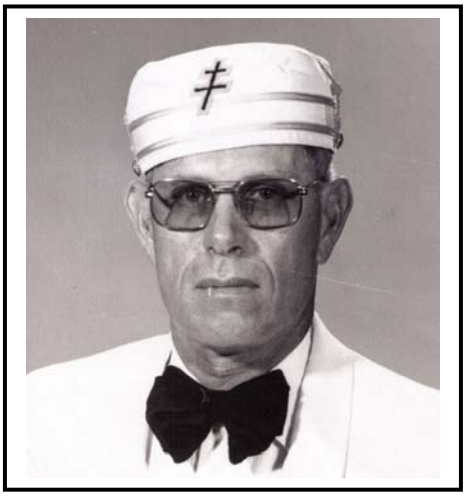
Thomas C. Hunter, 32º
May 05, 2010
in The Bahamas

Philip L. Peeler, 32º
May 13, 2010
in Memphis, TN

Gordon J. Riordan, 32º
July 07, 2010
in Nevada

Nolan M. Sigler, 32º
August 05, 2010
in Fairfax, VA

Perry E. Truxton, 32º
October 11, 2010
in Alamogordo, NM



IN MEMORIAM

Illustrious Robert Lee McAuslin, 33º

Born: April 3, 1922
Deceased: November 5, 2009

Received the 14° on March 16, 1963
Received the 18° on March 18, 1963
Received the 30° on March 23, 1963
Received the 32° on March 23, 1963

Invested with Rank and Decoration of
Knight Commander of the Court of Honour
October 18, 1971

Coronated an Inspector General Honorary
and received the Thirty-Third Degree on
November 23, 1975

IN MEMORIAM

Illustrious William Herbert Breaden, 33º

Born: December 7, 1928
Deceased: August 30, 2010

Received the 14° on July 19, 1969
Received the 18° on August 16, 1969
Received the 30° on September 29, 1969
Received the 32° on October 18, 1969

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
November 7, 1997

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Coming Events
Mark your calendar now!

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

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

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

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

Biannual Reunion - Friday & Saturday, October 14th - 15th

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