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Council of Kadosh and Consistory
March 16, 2013

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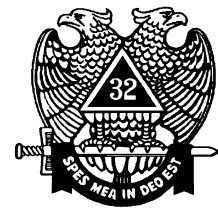
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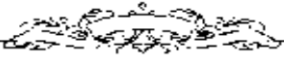
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MEETINGS	LODGE OF PERFECTION	CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX	COUNCIL OF KADOSH	CONSISTORY
STATED MEETINGS	Second Saturday of each month, at 9:30 a.m., except third Saturday in January.	Third Saturday in January. Second Saturday of March, May, October and December 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
196th Semi-Annual Reunions**

The Officers of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies announce the following schedule for the 196th Semi-Annual Reunions:

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

The Reunion will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, March 15 and 16, 2013, 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 \$45.00 and cover dues of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies for 2013. Candidates must complete registration in the Secretary's office by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2013.

**Panama Canal
Council of Kadosh
and Consistory**

The Reunion will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, March 16, 2013, 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 16, 2013.



NOTES FROM THE DEPUTY



By: Ill. Arthur J. Kerr, 33° G.C.

My Brothers, we are nearing the end of another year and I would like at this time to give you all a look at our past endeavors, and what the future looks like for us. First off, my apology to all for failure to publish the Orient last June. I don't want at this time to go into details, but there were various reasons that caused this.

All things considered we had a fairly good year even though our total membership has declined tremendously. The main reason of this decline is the passing of many of our older members and not many replacements. So far this year we have lost five (5) members, the latest being Illustrious Richard A. Wharry, 33°, who passed on to eternal rest last September. To compensate for these losses we initiated seven (7) new Masters of the Royal Secret during the year.

We continue to abide with all the requirements of our Supreme Council and do our part in whatever activities our Commander considers best for the Supreme Council. We designated one of our younger members to attend the Leadership Conference held in Baltimore and he returned with many ideas which he presented at our monthly Lodge of Perfection meeting. During the year your Deputy continues to attend Blue Lodge meetings when possible. I do not drive at night and therefore have to ask someone to pick me up and bring me back. As you are all aware, the Supreme Council conducted a Web-A-Thon on May 19th and all the Orients took part in this program. We programmed a Happy Hour for that event and raised some funds for the Temple. We did have a little problem with some of our members making donations on line, but this will be corrected for the event next year. This year I found myself slightly overcommitted. In addition to my duties as the Deputy, I am also the Recorder of Abou Saad Shriners and have made several trips to Venezuela, San Salvador, and the 90th Anniversary of the first Shrine Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. Keeping up with the various activities of the Shriners and Scottish Rite is really time consuming. It has now come to the point that I am going to have to relinquish one of these positions in the very near future.

On November 11th, a delegation of Scottish Rite members attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Corozal Cemetery. This is one of our traditional activities that we continue to observe year after year. Illustrious Dean C. Homa, 33°, is the Scoutmaster here and he and his troops place an American and Panamanian flag on every grave in the Cemetery for this special occasion. My congratulation to Dean and his troops.

In keeping up to date, late November we had a typical Chinese breakfast for all the Scottish Rite brothers and their ladies. This is a tradition that I started and it seems to get better every year.

The Panama Canal Scottish Rite continues to assist whenever possible in assisting the Escuela Experimental, (A mentally handicapped school) that we have assisted throughout the years. In the past, we have donated, computers, radios, gym equipment, swimming pool accessories and household items to this school. Last month we provided a drinking water fountain to the school.

With the Holiday Season approaching, it is time to send out our greetings to one and all for a safe and happy holiday. The world is in an uproar with bad weather, terrorism, politics which has an impact on all of us. We as Masons, try to look at the bright side and hope for the best having said that, it now gives me great pleasure in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year. May all your wishes be fulfilled.

IMPORTANT DUES NOTICE

Ill Rolando A. Linares, Jr. 33°
Secretary

Dues notices for the Masonic Year 2013 are already being mailed from the Supreme Council. These notices are prepared for the Supreme Council by a computer company under contract. They are then mailed to the members directly from the Supreme Council in Washington, DC.

Your Secretary, working directly with the Deputy, has tried to insure that all information sent to the computer company is correct. However, much of this information, especially CHANGE OF ADDRESS, can only originate from you, the member. As far as questions on amount of dues owed, etc., we maintain accurate individual ledger pages for each member, which is a cross-reference to the master file kept in our computer. Therefore, most of the time we are able to give you an answer to any question you might have as to when and how much dues you paid or have not paid. On receipt of your dues notice, if you feel that it is incorrect, please call or write to me and I am sure that we can get the matter straightened out to your satisfaction. Any other problem should be brought to my attention and I will do my best to resolve it.

I would like to ask your kind indulgence that when you are sending your payment by personal check you:

1. Make your check payable to 'PANAMA CANAL SCOTTISH RITE BODIES'
2. Return both sections of the dues notice. Do not separate them.
3. Please indicate on the form any changes to your mailing address or to any other pertaining information.

Please keep in mind that all mail to the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies, whether dues payment or other communication, must have sufficient postage prior to mailing to the following address:

PANAMA CANAL SCOTTISH RITE BODIES
PO BOX 0843-00917
PANAMA, REP OF PANAMA

One of the unfortunate functions of being Secretary is when I have to bring bad news to our members. I am, therefore, sorry to have to report that there are quite a lot of members who have not paid their 2011 nor 2012 dues, and if this is not corrected by December 31, 2012, those members will be suspended for non-payment of dues. I would especially like to address the members of the Court of Honour and inform them that if they fall into this category they will also be suspended from the Court of Honour. So, my Brothers, please take a few minutes to go through your wallet and check your dues card. It will save both of us any unpleasant or embarrassing situation.

I appreciate your cooperation and patience.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET:

Brother Julian Woodrow Crouch, 32°

Brother Jose Roberto Rodriguez, 32°

Brother Juan Felipe Pitty, 32°

Brother Luis Adolfo Vargas, 32°

Brother Conrado Augusto Ploche, 32°

Brother Peter Shelby Wright, 32°

Brother Richard Pretto, 32°

Officers 2012

LODGE OF PERFECTION

V.:M.:	Wallace M. Snyder	Prelate	Eduardo Crocamo
Senior Warden	Benito Colon-Sanchez	Master of Ceremonies	Mario Brown
Junior Warden	George O'Masta, Jr.	Expert	Alvin E. Beasley
Orator	Glen Hutchinson	Assistant Expert	Samuel H. Asyn
Almoner	Dean C. Homa	Captain of the Host	Danino Wood
Secretary	Rolando A. Linares, Jr.	Tyler	Clarence C. McNeese
Treasurer	Jack R. Tutzauer		

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

Wise Master	David K. Bishop	Treasurer	Jack R. Tutzauer
Senior Warden	Leslie R. Thomas	Master of Ceremonies	Eduardo Crocamo
Junior Warden	Richard A. Wharry	Expert	Johan Gamboa
Orator	Melvin J. Nickell	Assistant Expert	Mario Brown
Almoner	Dean C. Homa	Guardian of the Temple	Ricardo Lou
Secretary	Rolando A. Linares, Jr.	Tyler	Clarence C. McNeese

COUNCIL OF KADOSH

Commander	Victor M. Ramirez	Draper	Danino Wood
First Lt. Commander	Eduardo Crocamo	First Deacon	Manuel A. Ossa
Second Lt. Commander	Ricardo Lou	Second Deacon	Alvin E. Beasley
Chancellor	Rex Jansen	Bearer of the Beauseant	Mario Brown
Almoner	Dean C. Homa	Bearer of the White Std.	Raul E. Feuillet
Recorder	Rolando A. Linares, Jr.	Bearer of the Black Std.	Richard A. Wharry
Treasurer	Jack R. Tutzauer	Lt. of the Guard	Johan Gamboa
Master of Ceremonies	Samuel H. Asyn	Sentinel	Clarence C. McNeese
Turcoplier	Pedro Cruz-Gonzalez		

CONSISTORY

Master of Kadosh	George O'Masta, Jr.	Treasurer	Jack R. Tutzauer
Prior	Benito Colon-Sanchez	Prelate	Gerard A. Dowden
Preceptor	Mario Brown	Master of Ceremonies	Bruce M. Homa
Chancellor	Luis Cordoba	Expert	Samuel H. Asyn
Minister of State	Rex Jansen	Assistant Expert	Guillermo Leblanc
Almoner	Dean C. Homa	Captain of the Guard	Ricardo Lou
Registrar	Rolando A. Linares, Jr.	Sentinel	Clarence C. McNeese



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
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
Gerard A. Dowden, 33°	August 23, 2011	October 20, 2007
Murray Falk, 33°	October 4, 2005	October 3, 2001
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
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
George O'Masta, Jr., 33°	August 23, 2011	October 18, 1993
Victor Ramirez, 33°	September 10, 2011	October 20, 2007
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

* 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	●●
Eduardo Perez Perez.....	July 15, 1994	●●
Libardo Garcia Romero.....	July 15, 1994	●●

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



Knights Commander of the Court of Honor

Jaime E. Alfaro, 32°, K.C.C.H.....	November 22, 1995	Glen Hutchinson, 32°, KCCH.....	September 10, 2011
Richard G. Anderson, 32°, K.C.C.H.....	October 17, 1977	Calvin M. Landrum, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H.....	October 19, 1981
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	Joseph L. Salterio, 32°, KCCH.....	October 24, 2009
Alcus A. Dean, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 21, 1985	Helge Skjelfjord, 32°, KCCH	September 10, 2011
Rudyard Duarte, 32°, K.C.C.H.	November 19, 2005	Darryl L. Steiner, 32°, K.C.C.H.....	October 18, 1993
Robert B. Dunn, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 7, 2003	Wallace M. Snyder, 32°, KCCH.....	October 24, 2009
Thomas Fulcher, 32°, K.C.C.H.....	October 3, 2001	Leslie R. Thomas, 32°, KCCH.....	October 24, 2009
Harold H. Harp, 32°, K.C.C.H.....	October 15, 1979	Forrest B. Waller, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H.....	November 22, 1995
Stevin C. Helin, 32°, K.C.C.H.	November 22, 1995	James W. Woods, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H.....	October 17, 1983



My Holiday 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.*



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

PART IV

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MASONRY ON THE CANAL ZONE

M. E. Sir William Bromwell Melish, 33°. Grand Cross Templar. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, 1910 to 1913. By his authority and by virtue of the dispensation granted by him, Canal Zone Commandery was empowered to work, at las Cascadas, Canal Zone. Member of the following bodies: La Fayette Lodge No. 81. Ohio Consistory. Trinity Commandery and Syrian Temple, all of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the representative of the Great Priory of England and Wales; Grand Cross Templar of the Great Priory of England (the only one in the United States); Past Grand Master, F. & A. M., of Ohio; Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Ohio; Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.; Provincial Grand Lodge, Royal Order of Scotland, U.S.A., and past Imperial Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America.

Frank Cotton. Member of Welsh Lodge, No. 232, F. & A. M., Welsh, Louisiana. Welsh Chapter, No. 50, R. A. M., Welsh, Louisiana. Canal Zone Council, R. & S. M. No. 1, Welsh Commandery, No. 10, K. T., Welsh, Louisiana. Jerusalem Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, New Orleans, Louisiana. Generalissimo, Canal Zone Commandery (U.D.). Entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on October 18, 1904, as Rodman. Resigned position of Assistant Engineer 3rd District, Pacific Division, and left the Isthmus on August 30, 1912. Present position, President and General Manager of the Terrell Land and Development Company, at Terrell, Florida.

Francis Wells Walraven. Commander of Canal Zone Commandery, Knights Templar. Born in Chico, California. Member of King David's Lodge, No. 209, of San Luis Obispo, California, and of the following Scottish Rite Bodies, located at New Orleans, Louisiana. Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, 14°. Pelican Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 11, 18°. Eagle Council, Knights Kadoch, No. 6, 30°. Grand Consistory of Louisiana, 32°. Member of San Luis Chapter, No. 62, R. A. M., of San Luis Obispo, California, and of the following two Bodies located at Las Cascadas, Canal Zone: Canal Zone Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M. Isthmian Council, No. 1, R. & S. M. Member of Bektash Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Concord, New Hampshire. Honorary member of Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota. Entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on September 10, 1906, as Locomotive Engineer. Present occupation, the same, located at Cristobal, Canal Zone.

Webb L. Gibbs. Born in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Member of Harbor Lodge, No. 731, F. & A. M., of Chicago, Illinois. Van Rensselaer Lodge of Perfection, 14°. Chicago Council, Prince of Jerusalem, 16°. Gourgas Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°. Oriental Consistory, 32°. The Scottish Rite Bodies being of Chicago, Illinois. Isthmian Council, No. 1, R. & S. M., las Cascadas, Canal Zone. Indivisible Friends Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar, Sherman, Texas. Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Chicago, Illinois. Entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on September 4, 1910, as representative of the Texas Company. Left the Isthmus of Panama, November 26, 1912, and now occupies the same position with the Texas company, in Chicago, Illinois, his address being 7717 Coles Avenue.

Part V

THE MASONIC CLUB OF EMPIRE

The Masonic Club, of Empire, is an organization of Master Masons, formed at an earlier date than almost any other Masonic organization on the Isthmus of Panama. Owing to the temporary character of the American population on the Isthmus of Panama, it was not at first deemed advisable to grant dispensation to work under the holding of any of the grand bodies of the United States in any of the temporary towns of the Canal Zone. Several years later the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts granted dispensations to Sojourners' Lodge, at Cristobal, Canal Zone, and later to Canal Zone Lodge, at Ancon, Canal Zone. The Masonic Club, of Empire, was formed primarily for the purpose of bringing members of the craft together for social intercourse at stated meetings. From a mere handful of Masons, it has grown until it has a membership of two hundred. The Masonic Club, of Empire, has made it a duty and also a pleasure to welcome to its meetings all Masons in good standing residing or visiting in Empire, Canal Zone. It has regularly held musical

entertainments for the benefit of its members, has conferred humorous side degrees and has been interested in visiting the sick and assisting the distressed. The object of the Masonic Club, of Empire, and its activities are identical with other American Masonic Clubs on the Isthmus of Panama, such as the Gatun Masonic Club, the Gorgona Masonic Club, the Pedro Miguel Masonic Club and the Pacific Masonic Club. In an open meeting of the Masonic Club, of Empire, the question of having a suitable memorial to commemorate the fact that members of the Masonic fraternity played an important part in the building of the Panama Canal was discussed. The **Record of Masons and Masonry on the Panama Canal** is the result. A committee of two, consisting of **Walter Irving Beam, 32°**, and **John Layard Caldwell**, was appointed to collect data, photographs, etc., to prepare a suitable text and to evolve a method of financing the publication. It was at first very difficult to convince the majority of the craft on the Isthmus of the absence of ulterior motives on the part of the committee, and to overcome a natural opposition to anything that savored of Masonic "advertising," the other Masonic Clubs were invited to assist in the preparation of the Record, and, after convincing the individual members that only the highest motives were actuating the publication of the Record, the Clubs and Chartered Masonic Bodies responded to the invitation to join in the publication of the Record. President **John I. Major, 32°**, of the Masonic Club, of Empire, is responsible to a degree for giving the question, when it was first placed before him, his unbounded support and for commending it in the most enthusiastic manner.

In order that the book should be published with the approval of the highest Masonic authorities and not be contrary to Masonic jurisprudence, the matter was laid before the heads of the various Grand Bodies of the United States. Grand Master William B. Melish, of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States; William W. Irwin, Imperial Potentate of the Shrine for North America; and Colonel William S. Benton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, all responded favorably, and generously sent their photographs to be placed in the Record. This covered satisfactorily the governing bodies of the Blue Lodge, the York Rite and the Shrine, under the jurisdiction of each of which Masonic work has been performed on the Isthmus of Panama. The heads of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite were communicated with, and letter after letter written to secure the approval or the disapproval of that body. No replies were received to any of the letters. However, as Gus D. Levy, 33°, Grand Master of the Kadosh of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana, under whose jurisdiction the Canal Zone comes, in conversation with Walter I. Beam, member of the committee, during the Grand Master's visit to the Canal Zone, in August 1913, signified his approval, verbally, it was conceded that sufficient Masonic approval had been secured to assure even the most careful Mason that none of the ancient landmarks would be disturbed by the publication of the Record.

Word was sent to every Mason who had ever been on the Isthmus of Panama, whose whereabouts were known, of the proposed publication, inviting each to send his photograph, Masonic and Isthmian Records and to subscribe to the fund for the publication. Assurance was given that all photographs and records of Masons who had worked on the Panama Canal, or who had engaged in Masonic work on the Isthmus of Panama, would be gladly received and entered in the Record, whether or not the Mason subscribed toward the expense of publication.

The committee in charge have not aimed to produce a literary masterpiece. They are not strong in rhetoric, nor in prettily formed phrases. They have not eulogized the work of the individual to the detriment of other individuals. They have attempted to place before the reader nothing but a historical account of the work of our Illustrious Fraternity on the Isthmus of Panama, from 1904 to 1914, which is for the benefit of those of us who have a right to appear in the Record, primarily, and for the benefit of any others to whom such a record may prove of interest.

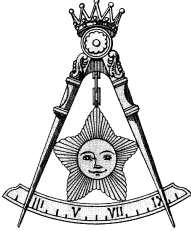
They have not dealt with the physical features of the Panama Canal. There are a thousand records which will show that the Panama Canal is fifty miles long, with a channel forty-five feet deep, and with twelve lock chambers; that it cost three hundred and seventy-five million dollars to build; that there were employed as many as forty-five thousand men at a time; that there were such men as Goethals, Stevens, Wallace, the efficient and sadly-lamented Gaillard, Sibert, Hodges, Rousseau and Gorgas. These facts are chronicled elsewhere. These men have won their way to fame. Colonel Gaillard has entered into the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe to receive that reward which he won in so distinguished a manner.

These facts of potent interest and thousands of others of equal interest have not found a place in this Record for obvious reasons.

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

196th Semi-Annual Reunion Schedule

- Friday, March 15, 2013 -



Lodge of Perfection

Ineffable Degrees

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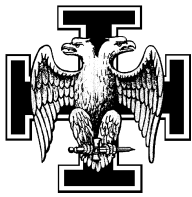
Chapter of Rose Croix

Historical and Religious Degrees

15° to 18°



- Saturday, March 16, 2013 -



Council of Kadosh

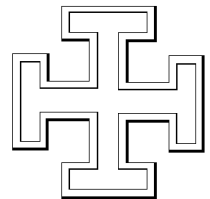
Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees

19° to 30°

Consistory

Ceremonial and Official Degrees

31° to 32°



In Memoriam



Robert N. Wilson, 32°
April 28, 2011 in Saint Petersburg, FL

Kenneth R. Littrell, 32°
September 06, 2011 in Petersburg, VA

Robert J. Roy, 32°
March 17, 2012 in Panama City, Panama

Fernando Muñiz-De La Rosa, 32°, KCCH
May 26, 2012 in Texas



IN MEMORIAM

Illustrious Richard Alan Wharry, 33^o

Born: July 12, 1929

Deceased: September 28, 2012

Received the 14^o on March 15, 1986

Received the 18^o on March 15, 1986

Received the 30^o on April 19, 1986

Received the 32^o on April 19, 1986

Invested with Rank and Decoration of
Knight Commander of the Court of Honour
October 4, 1999

Coronated an Inspector General Honorary
and received the Thirty-Third Degree on
October 24, 2009

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Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite
Apartado 0843-00917, Balboa, Republic of Panama



Rolando A. Linares, Jr., 33°
Secretary/Recorder/Registrar

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Coming Events Mark your calendar now!

Lodge of Perfection Annual Business Meeting - January 19, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Biannual Reunion - Friday & Saturday, March 15th - 16th

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

Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting – May 11, 9:30 a.m.