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Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America

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David Bishop

Knights Commander of the Court of Honour

Gerard Dowden

Victor Ramirez



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Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix

March 21 - 22, 2008

Council of Kadosh and Consistory

March 22, 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^o

IMPORTANT NOTICE

LOCAL BANKS HAVE NOTIFIED THE PANAMA CANAL SCOTTISH RITE BODIES THAT CHECKS THAT ARE TO BE PROCESSED IN ANY OF THEIR BRANCHES MUST BE MADE OUT IN EITHER BLACK OR BLUE INK ONLY. CHECKS WRITTEN IN ANY OTHER COLORED INK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



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.*





NOTES FROM THE DEPUTY



As the old saying goes: We just keep rolling along. I am happy to say that the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies just keeps rolling along. In retrospect, we have had a pretty good year. True we have lost some members that have passed away, the most recent being Illustrious Robert U. Schultz, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General (Honorary), and Charles W. Homa, 32°, K.C.C.H.. I believe most of you are familiar with them as they have been members of these Bodies for many years. Then we have gained some new members, not as many as we have been used to getting in the past, but four or six is better than nothing. Following instructions from the Supreme Council, we have written letters to our members that were suspended for non-payment of dues and given them an excellent opportunity to return to the fraternity. We have not had a 100% return, but I believe it will improve as we go along.

We have instituted another new feature with excellent results. I have had my Illustrious Secretary write a personal letter to all members that we have not heard from in many years, and ask them to send us information on any Masonic activities they are involved in, and also if the Ladies and Children are involved. The feedback has been more than expected. 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.

Now, for the important information. The last time that the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies had a dues increase was in 1987. My Brothers, that was 20 years ago and I have rejected proposals in the past that I raise the dues to conform to the current economy. However, I can no longer maintain it at the present level. Early next year I will be sending a letter to all members to anticipate a raise in dues for 2009. In addition, the Statutes of the Supreme Council requires that each and every life and regular member pay the per capita tax of \$10.00 a year as follows: \$4.00 for Lodge of Perfection and \$2.00 each for the other Bodies. Your Bodies have been paying the per capita tax for years but we can no longer afford this. So be prepared for the news to arrive early next year. I am hoping that you accept this increase as necessary for the survival of your Bodies. I will do my best to keep it as low as possible after we do our study, but do understand it is coming, and as I said above, we need to keep these Bodies rolling along.

2007 BIENNIAL SESSION

On August 23 of this year Deputy Ill. Arthur J. Kerr, 33°, G.C., Ill Rolando A. Linares, Jr., 33°, Ill. Bruce Homa, 33°, and Brothers David Bishop, 32° K.C.C.H., Manuel Arguello, 32°, and Gerardo Solis, 32°, traveled to Washington D. C. for the purpose of participating in the Scottish Rite Biennial Session. On Monday, August 27, 2007, Masonic history was made when, for the first time ever, the Biennial Session was jointly held by the Scottish Rite Supreme Councils, 33°, of the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions. Also present were Grand Masters of forty-seven American Grand Lodges, and from other countries; representatives from forty-six Supreme Councils from around the world; the Sovereign Grand Commanders, Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, 33°, Prince Hall Masonry; and representatives from fifteen appendant Masonic organizations. It was a memorable five-day Joint Session.

It is at these Biennial Sessions when deserving 32° Brothers are elected Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor, and 32° K.C.C.H. Brothers are elected and Coronated 33° Inspectors General Honorary. At this year's Session our Brothers Gerard Dowden, 32°, and Victor Ramirez, 32°, were elected to be invested Knight Commanders of the Court of Honor, and Brothers David Bishop, 32° K.C.C.H., Richard Wharry, 32°, K.C.C.H., and Charles W. Homa, 32° K.C.C.H., were elected to receive the 33°. We had the privilege of being present when Brother Bishop and 795 other Brothers from both Jurisdictions were Coronated 33° Inspectors General Honorary. Brother Wharry was on emergency leave and will be Coronated at a later date. Brother Homa was in poor health and could not travel. He was to have received his 33° in a local ceremony but, sadly, passed away on October 3.

The last event of the 2007 Joint Biennial Session was a gala dinner on Monday, August 28, with more than three thousand in attendance, including Brothers and their families. The Guest of Honor and Speaker at this dinner was Astronaut, Senator and Ill. John Glenn, 33°, who in 1957 made the first supersonic flight from Los Angeles to New York. In 1962 he was the first American to orbit the Earth, and in 1998, at the age of 77, became the oldest astronaut to make a space flight. It was a fascinating speech wherein he described his career as an astronaut and specifically of his experience during his two space flights, 36 years apart.

On October 20, 2007, in the District Grand Lodge Massachusetts Masonic Hall, in Vista Hermosa, Panama, Republic of Panama, Brothers Gerard Dowden, 32°, and Victor Ramirez, 32°, were invested with the Rank and Decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by our Deputy, Ill. Arthur J. Kerr, 33°, G.C., and his core of officers.

HONORED

In September of this year Brother Alfred F. West, 32°, was presented with a sixty-year pin by the Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina. Twenty years ago his Blue Lodge had given him a Life Membership and a forty-year pin for his dedication to Masonry.

Brother West was working as a Water Treatment Plant Operator for the Panama Canal Company in July of 1976 when he petitioned to receive the Scottish Rite Degrees in our Orient. After becoming a 32° Scottish Rite Mason in October of that year, he immediately became a Life member. In July of 2001 the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies presented Brother West with a twenty-five year certificate.

The Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies congratulate Brother Alfred F. West, 32°, for the honors received, and thanks him for his many years of dedication to Masonry.

AN HISTORICAL EVENT

What an honor it was for Ill. Rolando A. Linares, Jr., 33°; Ill. Bruce A. Homa, 33°, and his wife; Brother David K. Bishop, 32° K.C.C.H., and his wife; Brother Manuel Arguello, 32°, and his family; Brother Gerardo Solis, 32°. and his family; and myself to be a part of an historical event.

I am talking about the Joint Supreme Council Session of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, U. S. A. Imagine, the Southern Jurisdiction has been in existence since 1801 and the Northern Jurisdiction was chartered in 1813, yet never before has there been a joint session until this year. The credit for this historical accomplishment, no doubt, goes to Sovereign Grand Commanders Ill. John W. McNaughton, 33°, of the Northern Jurisdiction, and Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°, of the Southern Jurisdiction. How they were able to coordinate and bring this together is a mystery. However, those who attended will be able to say, "I attended the first Joint Session of the N. J. and S. J. in history".

We heard many eloquent speeches by several members of both jurisdictions, and the keynote address was given by Senator and Brother Ill. John H. Glenn, Jr., 33°, who spoke about his space adventures. Undoubtedly, this is something that we will be able to tell our grandchildren, about when we attended this first session.

I would be remiss if I did not mention here that at this session our Brother David K. Bishop was elected and conferred a Sovereign Grand Inspector General (Honorary) 33°. Brothers Richard A. Wharry, 32°, K.C.C.H., and Charles W. Homa, 32°, K.C.C.H., were also elected Sovereign Grand Inspectors General (Honorary), 33°. However, due to the fact that Brother Wharry had been called away on an emergency and Brother Homa was too sick to travel, their conferral was to have been held on October 20, 2007, here in our Orient. Unfortunately, Brother Homa passed away on October 3, and Brother Wharry is still away on emergency. His conferral will be performed at a later date.

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
Raymond E. Allen, 33°	November 11, 1973	October 10, 1969
David Keith Bishop, 33°	October 7, 2003	August 27, 2007
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
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
John J. Dorsa, 33°	January 10, 1982	October 17, 1977
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
Norris F. Fussell, 33°	October 7, 1997	October 20, 1975
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
George F. Klein, 33°	October 3, 2001	November 22, 1995
Charles R. Lavalley, 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
Edwin L. Rindfus, 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
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

<u>Person Received</u>	<u>33°</u>	<u>K.C.C.H.</u>
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	Willard W. Huffman, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 19, 1965
Richard G. Anderson, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 17, 1977	Richard M. King, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 21, 1985
Raymond L. Bennett, 32°, K.C.C.H.	November 22, 1995	Calvin M. Landrum, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 19, 1981
John M. Carothers, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 17, 1983	Ralph E. Malcolm, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 15, 1979
John N. Caton , 32°, K.C.C.H.	November 19, 1999	Glen E. Morrell, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 19, 1987
Benito Colon-Sanchez, 32°, K.C.C.H.	November 19, 2005	George O'Masta, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 18, 1993
Alcus A. Dean, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 21, 1985	Melvin J. Nickell, 32°, K.C.C.H.	November 19, 2005
William De La Mater, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 7, 2003	Victor Ramirez, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 20, 2007
Gerard A. Dowden, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 20, 2007	James H. Rheney, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 21, 1963
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	Helmut Stoeberl, 32°, K.C.C.H.	November 19, 2005
Thomas Fulcher, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 3, 2001	Charles H. Taylor, 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 15, 1973
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	Richard A. Wharry , 32°, K.C.C.H.	November 19, 1999
Michael C. Hevron, 32°, K.C.C.H.	November 22, 1995	James W. Woods, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H.	October 17, 1983



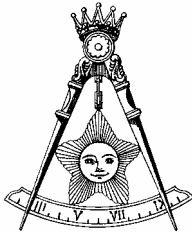
LOSS IN THE SCOTTISH RITE FAMILY

Olga Maria Kerr, wife of our Deputy, Arthur J. Kerr, passed away Wednesday, September 5, 2007. Funeral services for Olga were held at Santa Marta Church in Panama City, Republic of Panama, Saturday, September 8, 2007, and were well attended.

Olga was born in 1923 in Colon, Republic of Panama. She and Art met in 1942, and married shortly thereafter. Surviving Olga, besides her husband of 65 years, are their two sons, James and Richard, one grandson, Jason, and daughter-in-law, Darlene. During all of their married life Olga always accompanied her husband wherever he was stationed during his military career, and later in his many Masonic and other activities.

The members of the Masonic family send our deepest sympathy to Art and his family.

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Lodge of Perfection

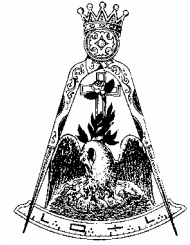
Ineffable Degrees

4° to 14°

Chapter of Rose Croix

Historical and Religious Degrees

15° to 18°



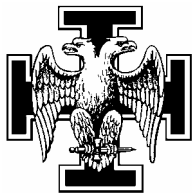
- Friday, March 21, 2008 -

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 22, 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

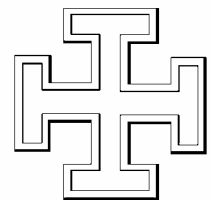
Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees

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 ***



In Memoriam



Harrison L. Baer, 32°
January 22, 2005, in Arlington, VA

Jeremiah J. Gorin, 32°
January 9, 2007, in Providence, RI

Kenneth W. Dillon, 32°
May 25, 2005, in Tucson, AZ

John E. Grubb, 32°
February 6, 2007, in San Diego, CA

Samuel L. Wilson, 18°
June 14, 2005, in West Richland, WA

Danley E. Straight, 32°
February 7, 2007, in Longmont, CO

Lewis F. McElroy, 32°
September 13, 2005, in Charles Town, WV

William S. Hall, 32°
March 24, 2007, in White Sands, NM

Raymond R. Brubaker, 32°
October 12, 2005, in Reading, PA

Daniel A. Constable, 32°
April 20, 2007, in Panama, Rep. of Panama

Fred R. Doss, 32°
November 9, 2005, in La Mirada, CA

George G. Dilfer, 32°
August 9, 2007, in Boca Raton, FL

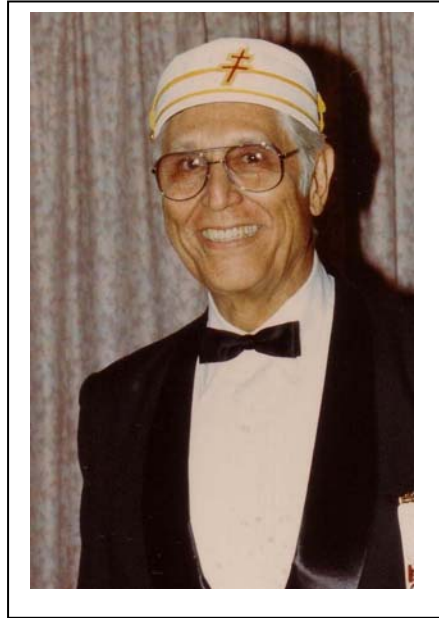
Charles R. Burge, 32°
October 28, 2006, in Blackshear, GA

Louis Ramirez, 32°
September 23, 2007, in San Antonio, TX

John F. McKeen, 32°
December 24, 2006, Bucksport, ME

Charles W. Homa, 32° KCCH
October 3, 2007, in Panama, Rep. of Panama

Arthur J. Purcell, 32°
December 26, 2006, in Anchorage, AK



IN MEMORIAM

Illustrious Robert Urena Schultz, 33°

Born: March 3, 1918
Deceased: October 15, 2007

Received the 14° on July 15, 1967
Received the 18° on August 19, 1967
Received the 30° on March 15, 1968
Received the 32° on April 20, 1968

Invested with Rank and Decoration of
Knight Commander of the Court of Honour
October 19, 1981

Coronated an Inspector General Honorary
and received the Thirty-Third Degree on
October 21, 1987

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Coming Events Mark your calendar now!

Installation of Officers – January 19, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Biannual Reunion - Friday & Saturday, March 21st - 22nd

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

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