

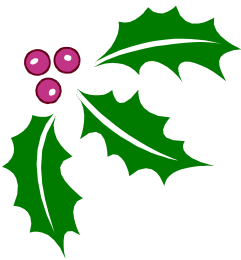


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Our Christmas Wish for you

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.*



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Lodge of Perfection and Chapter of Rose Croix

March 20 - 21, 2009

Council of Kadosh and Consistory

March 21, 2009

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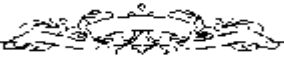
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MEETINGS	LODGE OF PERFECTION	CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX	COUNCIL OF KADOSH	CONSISTORY
STATED MEETINGS	Second Saturday of each month, at 9:30 a.m., except third Saturday in January.	Third Saturday in January. Second Saturday of March, May, October and December 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
188th Semi-Annual Reunions**

The Officers of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies announce the following schedule for the 188th Semi-Annual Reunions:

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

The Reunion will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, March 20 and 21, 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 \$45.00 and cover dues of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies for the remainder of 2009. Candidates must complete registration in the Secretary's office by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2009.

**Panama Canal
Council of Kadosh
and Consistory**

The Reunion will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, March 21, 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, March 21, 2009.



NOTES FROM THE DEPUTY

By: Ill. Arthur J. Kerr, 33^o, G.C.



I enjoy hearing from and about the Brethren and their families and I am pleased to share both the good and the not so good news about our Scottish Rite family. I welcome submissions from you, keep the text brief, include any photos and don't forget to identify any people in the photos.

As the year 2008 comes to a close there are a number of Brethren who deserves special recognition for their efforts on behalf of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies during this past and previous year. This is a highly dangerous maneuver as it is extremely easy to inadvertently overlook a deserving Brother. I must recognize Ill: Rolando A. Linares Jr., 33^o, my Secretary General, together with my Personal Representative Ill: James E. Cook, 33^o. Although Ill: Cook's recent illness keeps him pretty much at home, I still consult with him and ask his comments and advise on different subjects. I also must mention here my dedicated Brother Ill: Dean C. Homa, 33^o, the Almoner of these Bodies and also Editor of the Orient a very dedicated worker of these Bodies. It would be very difficult for me to try and get along without his assistance. I would be very remiss if I should close this paragraph without commenting on my Administrative Officer, Ms. Sara Azcuy. Sara has been a godsend to this office what with her computer skill and knowledge of the Sentinel System recently initiated by the Supreme Council.

This past year has been a very busy year for us in Panama. I sincerely hope yours has been what you have hoped for. The Scottish Rite Bodies at the Panama Canal wishes you and your family joy, happiness and fulfillment of all your wishes for the coming year. Please continue your support to the Scottish Rite Bodies and help to bring unity to all of Freemasonry. My special thanks to all of you that have made 2008 a memorable year, and one that will long be remembered by all who were involved.

Interesting information gathered from different sources.

PATRIOTISM

Patriotism isn't marching behind a band and puffing out your chest. Patriotism isn't a flash of fireworks one day a year, and then submerging one's emotions the rest of the year. Patriotism isn't found in the whooping of the crowd or maudlin flag waving.

Patriotism is the sum of three cardinal virtues; faith hope and charity: faith in the principles of our government, hope in the future of our country, charity toward all and malice toward none.

Patriotism is that spirit that makes us help our neighbors when they are in distress and extend sympathy when they are stricken, be it the neighbor next door or one a continent away.

Patriotism is the tugging at our heartstrings and a sincere kinship with those who toil in the field or shop in the marketplace, regardless of creed, or color of skin, or bank account.

Patriotism is the emotion that makes a lump rise in the throat when some intrepid spirit strives to achieve something that no human being ever before achieved.

Patriotism is the unashamed moisture that wells into the eyes as one stands before the tomb of, or reads the words of, some great man who has unselfishly devoted his life to all mankind, or one watches Old Glory carried proudly in a parade.

Patriotism is loving one's country, and respecting its traditions and its laws.

Patriotism is standing firm and unselfish for the right, for the common good, for the peace and well-being of all; sacrificing self, if need be, and standing tall and unafraid against all opposition.

Author unknown

(From the July 2008 issue of the Knight Templar)

LET'S GO TO LODGE

Say, son, let's go to lodge tonight
 We haven't been for years;
 Let's don our little aprons white
 And sit among the peers.
 I feel a kind of longing, boy,
 To climb up those old stairs;
 I know we'd get a thrill of joy
 And lay aside our cares.

I'd like to get out on the floor
 Come on, let's get in line;
 I'd like to face the East once more
 And give that same old sign.
 I want to hear the gavel's ring,
 To hear the organ play,
 I want to hear the craftsmen sing
 That old familiar lay.

I think the Tyler'd let us in,
 Although he'd hesitate,
 And then we'd see that same old grin
 Come on, or we'll be late.
 Pass up your bridge or picture show,
 Your wrestling bout or fight;
 Switch off that darn old radio
 Let's go to lodge tonight.

(From a 1940 Trestleboard of Newburgh
 Lodge No. 379 F & A.M., Cleveland, Ohio)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1) Q. The first Masonic book published in America was by Benjamin Franklin in 1734. It was a copy of an English book used as a guide for Freemasons. What was the name of that English book?
- 2) Q. There are fifty-one Grand Jurisdictions within the boundaries of the United States. There is one in each of the fifty states. Where is the fifty-first?
- 3) Q. During the Civil War, an officer of the Union Army became a Mason in a Confederate Masonic Lodge. He visited, under a flag of truce, a Confederate hospital where some of his men were prisoners. The good treatment of these men was noticeable and on investigation the fact was revealed that it had a Masonic significance. The officer was so impressed that he applied for the Degrees of Masonry in a Southern Lodge, in Winchester, Virginia. He became a member of that Lodge, and after the war was over, transferred his membership to Canton, Ohio, where he had set himself up in the practice of law. He afterward became President of the United States. What was his name?
- 4) Q. What President of the United States became a Mason in a Lodge where the Worshipful Master was his gardener?
- 5) Q. Who was the first Freemason to come to America?

(This appeared in "The Gavel", Hudson River Lodge No. 607, Newburgh, N.Y.)

(Answers are found at bottom of page 6)

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

Brother Aubrey Oliver Dawkins, 32°

Brother Mark Vincent Hurt, 32°

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY CANAL ZONE MASON

Brother Francis Scott Key III, the great-great-grandson of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star-Spangled Banner", was born September 23, 1912, in Panama City, Republic of Panama. His family lived and worked there in the Canal Zone thanks to his father's personal friendship with Bro. Theodore Roosevelt. Brother Key made his life there into adulthood, working for the United Fruit Company and for the Panama Canal.

Brother Key received his Masonic degrees in Canal Zone (now Ancon) Lodge in 1943 (EA August 4; FC November 11; MM December 29 and signed the By-laws on February 4, 1944). He is a life member of Ancon Lodge and of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

He received his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies in 1944 (4° to 14° February 13; 15° to 18° February 20; 19° to 30° March 19; and 31° and 32° April 16). At the time Brother Key became a Scottish Rite Mason he was residing in Gamboa, Canal Zone, and was working for the Dredging Division as Mate, Pipeline Suction Dredge. In 1975 he demitted from the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies to join the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Northern New Jersey, where he has been residing since 1960.

On November 8, 2008, Brother Francis Scott Key III was honored with a very special luncheon, followed by an interview filmed for posterity by the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

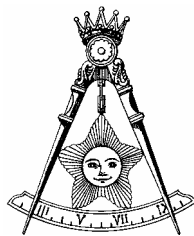
For this very special day and occasion Ill. John William McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the AASR-NMJ, and his counterpart, Ill Ronald A. Seale, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the A&ASR-SJ, journeyed to New Jersey to be part of this celebration, joining local Masonic dignitaries from Scottish Rite and Grand Lodge alike.

(Information taken from "The Magpie Mason" of November 8, 2008)

Answers from page 5:

- 1- Anderson's Constitution of 1723.
- 2- The District of Columbia.
- 3- William McKinley.
- 4- Theodore Roosevelt.
- 5- The first Freemason on record as coming to America was John Skene, in 1684.

188th Semi-Annual Reunion Schedule



Lodge of Perfection

Ineffable Degrees

4° to 14°

Chapter of Rose Croix

Historical and Religious Degrees

15° to 18°



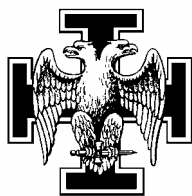
- Friday, March 20, 2009 -

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, March 21, 2009 -

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

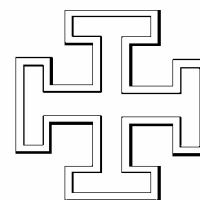
Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees

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.



In Memoriam



Harold M Lockwood Jr., 32°
June 10, 2007 in Chattanooga, TN

James W Carlton, 32°
September 9, 2007 in Slidell, LA

Vern H Christoph, 32°
October 18, 2007 in Sarasota, FL

Henry J Williams Jr., 32°
February 12, 2008 in Newport News, VA

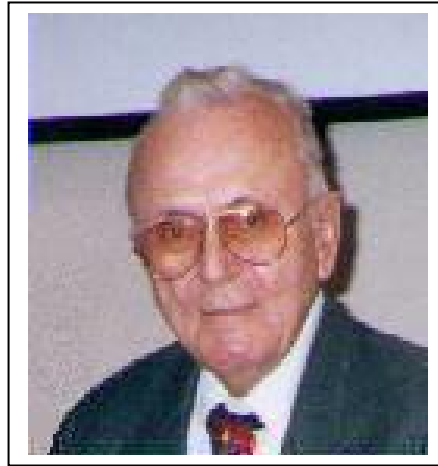
Christian S Skeie, 32°
January 1, 2008 in Miami, FL

Walter D Goring, 32°
February 20, 2008 in Fredericksburg, TX

Charles R Schroeder, 32°
June 27, 2008 in Marco Island, FL

Earl A Petersen, 32°
August 23, 2008 in Arlington, VA

Ivan L Jenkins, 32°
October 16, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV



IN MEMORIAM

Illustrious George Francis Klein, 33°

Born: May 18, 1933

Deceased: March 9, 2008

Received the 14° on January 20, 1973

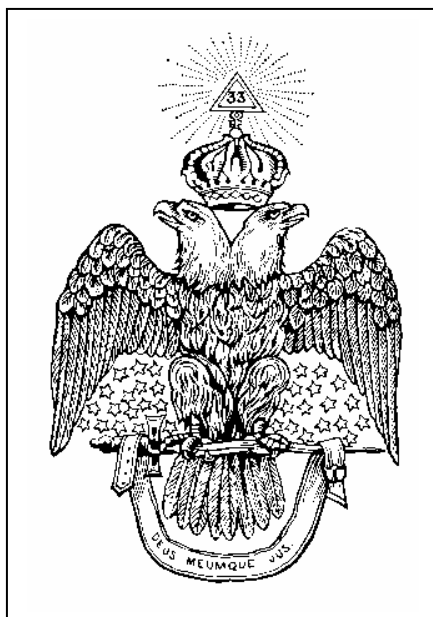
Received the 18° on February 17, 1973

Received the 30° on March 17, 1973

Received the 32° on April 21, 1973

Invested with Rank and Decoration of
Knight Commander of the Court of Honour
November 22, 1995

Coronated an Inspector General Honorary
and received the Thirty-Third Degree on
October 3, 2001



IN MEMORIAM

Illustrious Raymond E Allen, 33°

Born: July 25, 1926

Deceased: June 17, 2008

Received the 14° on January 21, 1961

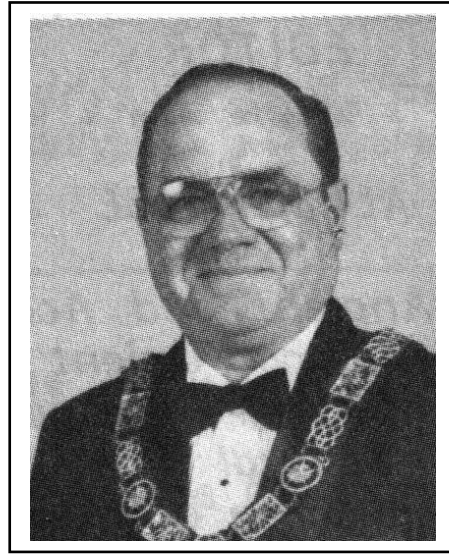
Received the 18° on February 18, 1961

Received the 30° on March 17, 1961

Received the 32° on April 15, 1961

Invested with Rank and Decoration of
Knight Commander of the Court of Honour
November 20, 1969

Coronated an Inspector General Honorary
and received the Thirty-Third Degree on
November 11, 1973



IN MEMORIAM

Illustrious John Joseph Dorsa, 33°

Born: November 27, 1927

Deceased: August 6, 2008

Received the 14° on July 15, 1972

Received the 18° on August 19, 1972

Received the 30° on September 16, 1972

Received the 32° on October 28, 1972

Invested with Rank and Decoration of
Knight Commander of the Court of Honour
October 17, 1977

Coronated an Inspector General Honorary
and received the Thirty-Third Degree on
January 10, 1982

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Coming Events Mark your calendar now!

Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - January 17, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Biannual Reunion - Friday & Saturday, March 20th - 21st

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

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