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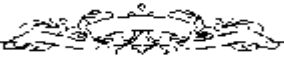


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MEETINGS	LODGE OF PERFECTION	CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX	COUNCIL OF KADOSH	CONSISTORY
STATED MEETINGS	Second Saturday of each month, at 9:30 a.m., except third Saturday in January.	Third Saturday in January. Second Saturday of March, May, October and December 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
190th Semi-Annual Reunions**

The Officers of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies announce the following schedule for the 190th 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 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 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 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 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 3rd, 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 24th, 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°

“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.

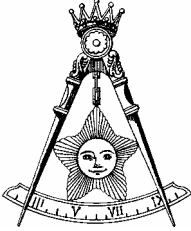
Bro. Simms entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on September 26, 1905, as Foreman Carpenter. His present occupation is that of Foreman of the Municipal Department, Balboa, Canal Zone.

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°

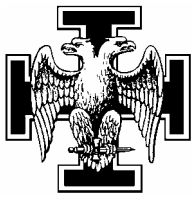
Chapter of Rose Croix

Historical and Religious Degrees

15° to 18°



- Saturday, March 20, 2010 -



Council of Kadosh

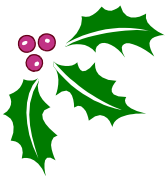
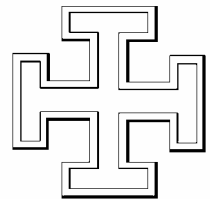
Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees

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 19th - 20th

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.