

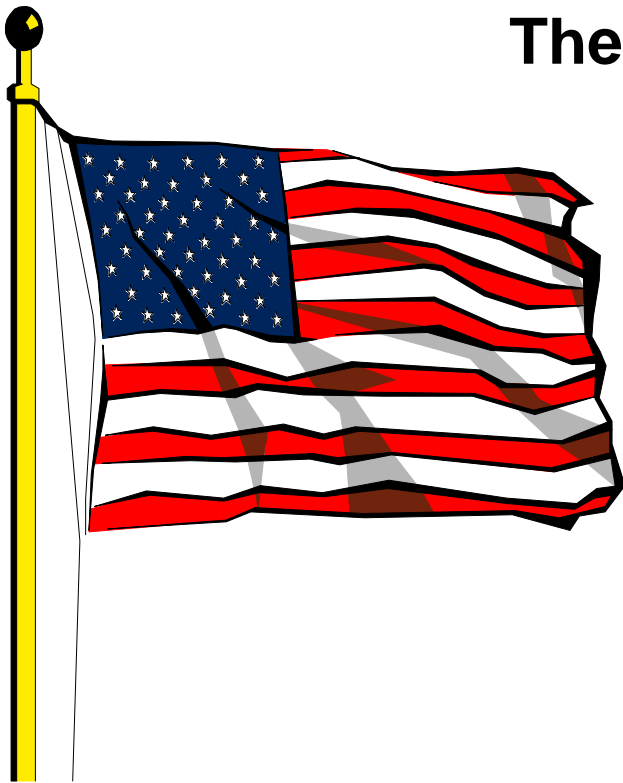


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October 16, 2010

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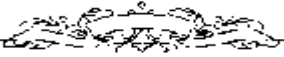
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MEETINGS	LODGE OF PERFECTION	CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX	COUNCIL OF KADOSH	CONSISTORY
STATED MEETINGS	Second Saturday of each month, at 9:30 a.m., except third Saturday in January.	Third Saturday in January. Second Saturday of March, May, October and December 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
191st Semi-Annual Reunions**

The Officers of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies announce the following schedule for the 191st Semi-Annual Reunions:

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

The Reunion will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, October 15 and 16, 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 \$67.50 and cover dues of the Panama Canal Scottish Rite Bodies for the remainder of 2010 and 2011. Candidates must complete registration in the Secretary's office by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2010.

**Panama Canal
Council of Kadosh
and Consistory**

The Reunion will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon, October 16, 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, October 16, 2010.

**“MASONS AND MASONRY ON THE PANAMA
CANAL, 1904-1914”
(Part III)**

**THE ANCIENT & ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE IN
THE CANAL ZONE**

The establishment of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Canal Zone was accomplished through the untiring work and efforts of William Edgar Parker, 32°, a member of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana. There were a number of Master Masons in the Canal Zone who were anxious and willing to have the Scottish Rite degrees conferred upon them, but they were situated so far from any point where there was a working body of Scottish Rite Masons that it was next to impossible for them to receive the degrees. William Edgar Parker undertook to make arrangements whereby the work could be conferred in the territorial limits of the Canal Zone, but he met with much discouraging opposition on the part of Scottish Rite Masons located on the Isthmus who honestly believed that, for a number of reasons, the establishment of the Scottish Rite on the Isthmus of Panama was not feasible. Of many good reasons the soundest were that the Canal Zone was not under either the Southern or Northern Jurisdiction in the U. S., and that there was no suitable place in the Canal Zone for the conferring of the degrees.

A further obstacle was the fact that Americans living in the Panama Canal Zone were not considered as bona-fide residents. Certain Masonic Bodies of the United States claim that they are only temporarily residing on the Zone during the construction of the Panama Canal and, for all matters Masonic, their actual residence is in whatever city or town they resided before coming to the Isthmus of Panama. The permanent domicile of each of the applicants for the degrees was ascertained, and Sovereign Grand Inspector General, **Charles F. Buck, 33°**, obtained waivers from the several jurisdictions under whom it was considered the applicants properly belonged, thus effectually settling this question. These questions were referred to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Hon. Charles F. Buck, 33°, one of the most brilliant Masons of the present time, who placed the matter before **Major James D. Richardson, 33°**, the Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction. On April 4, 1913, a notice was sent out from the Supreme Council, 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, ordering that the territory known as the Panama Canal Zone be attached to the Jurisdiction of Hon. Charles F. Buck, 33°, S. G. I. G. in Louisiana, and that he at once assume jurisdiction over said territory for all uses and purposes of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The notice was signed by Grand Commander James D. Richardson, 33°, and attested by Secretary General **John H. Cowles, 33°**.

The Panama Canal Zone was “unoccupied territory” and was peopled by, and under the jurisdiction of, citizens of the United States. The foregoing order, issued by the Supreme Council of the 33d degree, effectually and forever settled the question as to the jurisdiction over the Canal Zone, as far as Scottish Rite Freemasonry is concerned.

William Edgar Parker, born in Greensburg, Louisiana, was a member of Louisiana Lodge, No. 102, A. F. & A. M., York Rite Bodies Concorde Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., Louisiana Council, No. 2, R. & S. M., Jaques DeMolay Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, the Grand Consistory of Louisiana and Jerusalem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. All bodies located in New Orleans, Louisiana. He came to work in the Canal on March 2, 1911, as Conductor. His present occupation is that of Yardmaster at Corozal, Canal Zone. Due to his untiring efforts, the Grand Consistory of Louisiana came to the Canal Zone and conferred the Scottish Rite degrees on more than ninety Master Masons on August 1 to 4, 1913.

Brother Parker finally received written authority from **Gus D. Levy, 33°**, Grand Master of Kadosh in the Grand Consistory of Louisiana, authorizing him and **S. H. Marcuse, 32°**, to represent the Grand Master of Kadosh and make full and final arrangements for the conferring of the degrees of the Scottish Rite, from the 4th to the 32nd, inclusive, upon such candidates as should be elected to receive them. William Edgar Parker then had applications from seventy-six Master Masons, which news he cabled to the Grand Consistory of Louisiana, and requested them to sail from New Orleans in time to arrive at Colon, Republic of Panama, on July 31, 1913.

The working team of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana arrived on the date set, and on the opening night there were present eighty-nine elected candidates to receive the degrees from the 4th to the 32nd, inclusive. The team worked Friday night (August 1), all day Saturday and Saturday night (August 2), and all day Sunday and Sunday night (August 3), 1913, in the Canal Zone Lodge Hall in Ancon which, for the time being, was converted to serve the purpose of a Scottish Temple.

After inspecting the Canal Zone Lodge Hall and seeing how inadequate in size it was for conferring the degrees, Gus D. Levy, 33°, in his capacity as Deputy Sovereign Grand Inspector General in charge of the working team of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana, along with several other 33rd degree Masons called upon the President of the Republic of Panama for the purpose of securing the use of the National Theater in Panama City for the conferring of the degrees; the request was denied. As a result, the work was performed in the cramped quarters of the Lodge Hall in Ancon.

After the conferring of the 32nd degree, the Grand Consistory of Louisiana presented to William Edgar Parker a silver service, suitably engraved, as a token of their appreciation of the efforts of Brother Parker in the interests of Scottish Rite Freemasonry in the Panama Canal zone.

There is no Lodge, Chapter, Council or Consistory of the Scottish Rite in the Canal Zone at the present time. When affairs have settled to a point where the occupants of the Canal Zone feel that they have reason to believe that their residence on the Isthmus of Panama is more permanent, it is altogether likely that authority will be requested from the governing bodies to establish a Lodge of Perfection, a Chapter of Rose Croix, a Council of the Knights Kadoch and a Consistory of Masters of the Royal Secret, and to confer all the degrees of the Scottish Rite.

There is in the Canal Zone a club known as the Consistory Club of the Canal Zone, of which Ben Jenkins, 32°, is President, Clyde E. White, 32°, is Vice-President, and Walter Irvin Beam, 32°, is Secretary and Treasurer. This club has no fixed place of meeting, as its members are scattered over the entire Isthmus, and it meets upon the call of the President at a time and place designated from time to time. This club has in charge the interests of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Canal Zone.

Henry W. Robinson, K. C. C. H., was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was a member of the following Masonic Bodies: Linwood Lodge, No. 167, A. F. & A. M.; Grand Consistory of Louisiana, where he was a 32°,

K. C. C. H. (Knight Commander of the Court of Honor), Scottish Rite Mason and member of the working team of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana conferring the 4th thru the 32nd degrees in Ancon, Canal Zone, August 1-4, 1913; York Rite Bodies Orleans-Delta Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, Louisiana Council, No. 2, Royal & Select Masters; Jerusalem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. All Masonic Bodies being located in New Orleans, Louisiana. Present occupation, Lawyer, Hennen Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Charles N. Adams, K. C. C. H., born in Moundsville, West Virginia, was a member of the following Masonic Bodies: Oliver Lodge, No.4, F. & A. M. (Alexandria, Louisiana); Grand Consistory of Louisiana, where he was a 32° K. C. C. H. Scottish Rite Mason and member of the working team of that Grand Consistory conferring the 4th thru the 32nd degrees in Ancon, Canal Zone, August 1-4, 1913; the York Rite Bodies in Alexandria, Louisiana; Jerusalem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. in New Orleans, Louisiana.

William Lambert, 33°, was born in Birkenhead, England. He was a member of Peace and Concord Lodge, No. 445, F. & A. M., and the following Bodies of Callao, Peru: Filantra Peruana Lodge of Perfection, D-514, 14°, Filantra Peruana Chapter of Rose Croix, D-515, 18°; and of the following Bodies of Lima, Peru: Alianza y Union Council, Knights Kadosh, D-516, 30°, Abnegacion y Firmeza Consistory, D-541, 32°. Conferado del Peru, D-542, 33°. He was a member of Peace Universal Chapter No. 192, R. A. M., of Callao, Peru. Bro Lambert was also a member of Osman Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of St. Paul Minnesota. His present occupation is that of Superintendent Engineer of the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. at Balboa, Canal Zone.

Ben Jenkins, born in Valley Falls, Kansas, was a member of Onaga Lodge, No. 188, F. & A. M., Onaga, Kansas, and of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Topeka, Kansas. He was also a member of Canal Zone Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., and Isthmian Council, No. 1, R. & S. M., both of Las Cascadas, Canal Zone. Bro. Jenkins was a member of Abdallah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in Leavenworth, Kansas. He was an Honorary Member of Osman Temple, St. Paul, Minnesota, and President of the Consistory Club of the Canal Zone. He entered service on the Isthmus of Panama on July 17, 1905, as Clerk. His present occupation is that of Chief Clerk of the Atlantic Division, located at Gatun, Canal Zone.

Clyde E. White, who was born in Hornellsville, New York, was a member of Sojourners Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Cristobal, Canal Zone, and Canal Zone Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., Las Cascadas, Canal Zone. Bro. White was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of New Orleans, Louisiana, Osman Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Vice-President of the Consistory Club of the Canal Zone.

(More articles in the next Orient)

NEW MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET

On Saturday, May 22, 2010, the Scottish Rite Degrees were conferred on three Master Masons: Jorge Luis Almengor, Johann Gamboa and Rex Jansen.

The communication of the 4th thru the 32nd degrees was held at the old Scottish Rite Temple in Balboa, Republic of Panama and was done in accordance with the Statutes of the Supreme Council. Assisting in the communication of the degrees were the following Brothers who as recently as October 2009 had themselves become Masters of the Royal Secret: Victor Almengor, 32°, Eduardo Crocamo, 32°, Guillermo LeBlanc, 32°, and Ricardo Lou, 32°.

By eagerly participating in the communication of the degrees, these four Brothers have shown much interest in being active in the Scottish Rite. Brother Eduardo Crocamo, 32°, became a Fellow at the last Leadership Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Officers 2010

LODGE OF PERFECTION

V.:M.:.....	Bruce M. Homa	Prelate	Fernando Muñiz-De La Rosa
Senior Warden	Helge Skjelfjord	Master of Ceremonies	Rudyard S. Duarte
Junior Warden.....	Wallace M. Snyder	Expert.....	David K. Bishop
Orator	Benito Colon-Sanchez	Assistant Expert	Helmut Stoeberl
Almoner	Dean C. Homa	Captain of the Host	Victor M. Ramirez
Secretary	Rolando A. Linares, Jr.	Tyler.....	Clarence C. McNeese
Treasurer	Jack R. Tutzauer		

CHAPTER OF ROSE CROIX

Wise Master	Wallace M. Snyder	Treasurer	Jack R. Tutzauer
Senior Warden	Manuel J. Arguello	Master of Ceremonies	Fernando Muñiz-De La Rosa
Junior Warden.....	Helge Skjelfjord	Expert.....	Richard A. Wharry
Orator	David K. Bishop	Assistant Expert	Leslie R. Thomas
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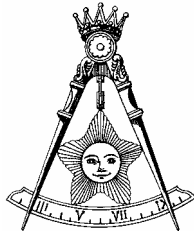
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Preceptor	George O'Masta, Jr.	Master of Ceremonies	Fernando Muñiz-De La Rosa
Chancellor.....	Benito Colon-Sanchez	Expert.....	Eduardo Crocamo
Minister of State.....	Rudyard S. Duarte	Assistant Expert	Allan V. Lokan
Almoner	Dean C. Homa	Captain of the Guard.....	Victor M. Ramirez
Registrar.....	Rolando A. Linares, Jr.	Sentinel	Clarence C. McNeese

191st Semi-Annual Reunion Schedule



Lodge of Perfection

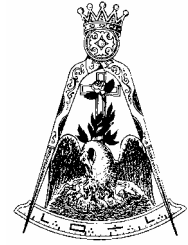
Ineffable Degrees

4° to 14°

Chapter of Rose Croix

Historical and Religious Degrees

15° to 18°



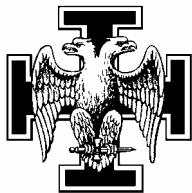
- Friday, October 15, 2010 -

- 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, October 16, 2010 -

- 15° Knight of the East through
- 18° Knight Rose Croix - Dark Section..... Communicated 8:00 a.m.
- 18° Knight Rose Croix - Light Section 8:45 a.m.



Council of Kadosh

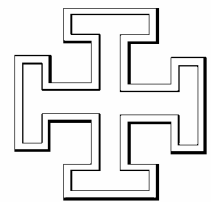
Philosophical and Chivalric Degrees

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
First and Second Apartments Communicated 10:30 a.m.
- 30° Knight Kadosh or Knight of the Black and White Eagle
Third and Fourth Apartment 12:45 p.m.
- 31° Inspector Inquisitor..... Communicated 2:30 p.m.
- 32° Master of the Royal Secret - *First Apartment* Communicated 2:30 p.m.
- 32° Master of the Royal Secret - *Second Apartment* 3:00 p.m.

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Coming Events Mark your calendar now!

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

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

Lodge of Perfection Business Meeting - September 11, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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