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## ***THE GRAND SOVEREIGN***



***R. STEPHEN DOAN and LADY DONNA***

## ***GRAND SOVEREIGN'S MESSAGE***

On a date I cannot now remember in early 1981, one of my mentors (a Past Grand Master of Masons of California) approached me about joining a group called Constantine. I was not sure what it was other than he told me that it was very important for me to belong. I was initiated on May 1, 1982. My Conclave meets twice a year, and since my initiation almost 35 years ago I have only missed one meeting. It was 1985, the year I was Grand Orator, and the Grand Master (a member of our Conclave) planned an out of town cornerstone laying ceremony at which I was to give an oration, and it was on the same day as Constantine!

The members of my Conclave were the leading Masons in Los Angeles, and there I was a 32 year old Mason among these giants of the fraternity. I did a lot of listening. Now, I have the opportunity through my Conclave to mentor the young men who will be among the giants of California Masonry in the years to come.

Constantine has also offered me something else that is special. It has allowed me opportunities to explore in a Masonic context how Christianity deepens my Masonic experience and vice versa. I belong to a great Lodge: we have Christians, Jews and Muslims who are members. But, it is Constantine that offers a special place where we can focus as Trinitarian Christians on the meaning of our faith and Freemasonry.

As I travel this year, my remarks will focus on this relationship. I am very much looking forward to the times we will have together this term and the perspectives we can share on our faith and fraternity.

Yours in Faith, Unity and Zeal,

Steve

### CONSTANTINE



## ***GRAND SOVEREIGN'S BIOGRAPHY***

R. Stephen Doan was born on October 17, 1949 in Santa Monica, California to Robert W. and Barbara Sebring Doan. He is married to the former Donna Heederik, and they have three children: Stephanie, Robert and son-in-law, Brian P. Bezner. They also have two granddaughters, Brianna and Charlotte.

Steve grew up on the Westside of Los Angeles. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1971 at the University of California at Los Angeles, graduating summa cum laude, with highest department honors and was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his Juris Doctor in 1974 at the School of Law at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Professionally, Steve is a lawyer in private practice with his daughter Stephanie Bezner where he lives in Rancho Palos Verdes, California, specializing in business and real estate planning, tax and estate planning and trusts. He was formerly a senior partner of Morrison & Foerster, LLP, Los Angeles. He is a member of the California State Bar Association.

Some of Steve's community activities are as follows:

President (1982 - 1990) and member of the Board of Directors (1977 - 1990), The Boys' and Girls' Club of Venice, CA. Recipient of Boys' Club of America Medallion Award for devoted service to a Boys' Club.

Member, Saint Francis Episcopal Church, Palos Verdes Estates, CA. Vestry member (1981 - 1984). Chairman, Every Member Canvass (1980 and 1981). Lay Reader. Member, Saint Richard of Chichester Episcopal Church, Lake Arrowhead, CA. Lay Reader.

Member, Board of Directors, The Midnight Mission, Los Angeles (1985 - present). President (1994 - 1998). Chairman of the Board (1998 - present).

Member (1986 - present), Board of Trustees, Youth Fund of Southern California. President (1988 - present).

Member, The Jonathan Club, a private social club in Los Angeles.

Member of the Sons of the Revolution and The General Society of the War of 1812.

Fraternally, Steve's son, son-in-law, father, uncles and grandfathers are or have been Masons. He traces his Masonic heritage as far back as a fourth great-grandfather who was a Mason in New York in the early 1800's. Some of his Masonic activities include:

Member, Sunset Lodge No. 369, F. & A. M., Santa Monica. Initiated on November 10, 1970, Passed on January 26, 1971 and Raised on February 23, 1971 in Triangle Lodge No. 548, now Sunset Lodge No. 369 through consolidation. Worshipful Master, Triangle Lodge No. 548 (1975). Plural member, Los Angeles Harbor Lodge No. 332, San Pedro, CA (since 1999), and Santa Monica – Palisades Lodge No. 307, Santa Monica (since 2008). Received the Hiram Award from Santa Monica – Palisades Lodge No. 307 on January 11, 2012.

A very active member of the Grand Lodge of California, Steve has served on many of its committees, many as chair. He chaired the Committee on Code Revision (2005), which wrote the Fourth Edition of the *California Masonic Code*. He has served for many years as the chair of the Committee on Jurisprudence. He was appointed Grand Bible Bearer (1979) and Grand Orator (1985) and was elected to the progressive line as Junior Grand Warden in 1989, serving as Grand Master of Masons in California in 1992-1993. Steve's brother, David, was Grand Master in 2005, the first time in the history of California Masonry that brothers have served as Grand Master. Their cousin, Jonathan Doan Hines, was Grand Master of Masons in California in 1883 and 1884.

Member, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Los Angeles, since 1973. Venerable Master (1988). Decorated Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 1985. Coroneted Inspector General Honorary in 1989. Personal Representative of the SGIG (1993 - 2005). Trustee of the California Scottish Rite Foundation (1993 - 2005). Plural member, Valley of San Francisco.

Member, Santa Monica Bay Chapter No. 97, Royal Arch Masons, Santa Monica (since 1979).

Member, Alpha Council No. 39, Cryptic Masons, Los Angeles (since 1981).

Member, Santa Monica Bay Commandery No. 61, Knights Templar, Santa Monica since 1981. Dual member, Empire State Commandery No. 83, New York. Eminent Commander (2014-2015). Life member of the California Past Commanders Association.

Member, Al Malaikah Shriners, Los Angeles (since 1979). Ambassador.

Member, Saint Gabriel Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Los Angeles (since May 1, 1982). Puissant Sovereign (1991). Recorder (2001 - present). Steve has served the UGIC as Grand Orator (2007 and 2009) and was elected Grand Almoner in 2011. He was elected and installed Grand Sovereign and invested with the Knight Grand Cross in 2016. He has also served on the UGIC's Jurisprudence Committee (Member, 2006) (Chair, 2007 to 2013; 2015). He is the author of the 2010 restatement of the *Constitution and Statutes and Regulations of the United Grand Imperial Council*.

Member, San Juan de Los Angeles Council No. 180, Allied Masonic Degrees, Los Angeles (since 1983). Sovereign Master (1987). Recipient of the Red Branch of Eri.

Member, The Royal Order of Scotland (since 1984), and The Robert The Bruce Association in California.

Charter Member, Brian Boru Council No. 38, Knight Masons, Southern California (member since 1991).

Charter Member, California College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatus, Southern California (member since 1993). Celebrant (2003). VIII Grade.

Member, The Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Bienfasants de la Cite Sainte.

Member, Grand Preceptor's Tabernacle "A," Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

Member, Southern California York Rite College No. 110, York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Steve has been elected to receive the Order of the Purple Cross at the 60<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Sovereign College.

Charter Member of Dr. Rob Morris Chapter No. 651, Order of the Eastern Star, Santa Monica. Plural member, Ocean Park Chapter No. 245, Santa Monica. Steve has been a member of Eastern Star since 1979 and has served four times as Worthy Patron.

Majority Member, Triangle Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Venice, CA, joining in 1963. Master Councilor (1967). Representative DeMolay. Recipient of the Past Master Councilor Meritorious Service Award. Chevalier.

Charter Member, St. Bernard Priory, DeMolay Order of Knighthood, Southern California. Charter Illustrious Knight Commander (1970). Recipient of the Past Illustrious Knight Commander Meritorious Service Award.

Jurisdiction Master Councilor of Southern California (1970).

Member, DeMolay Legion of Honor. Member, Southern California Preceptory, DeMolay Legion of Honor. Dean (1999).

Active Member, International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay (since 2002), serving previously as a Deputy Member from 1992 until 2002.

Currently Third Vice President, The Philalethes Society.

Steve is a frequent lecturer and published author on Masonic topics.

## *UGIC 144<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASSEMBLY*

*BUFFALO, NEW YORK ... 2 – 5 JUNE 2016*

New York was home to the UGIC 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly, and what an event it was! A highlight of the event was the passing of the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign banner from KC Robert S. Finley, KGC, to KC R. Stephen Doan, KGC, on Saturday morning, 4 June 2016!

There were many administrative requirements accomplished each day, including various committee meetings, a seminar for Recorders and Intendants General, and of course the UGIC General Sessions. On Saturday morning, a Memorial Service was conducted for the Knights Companions who passed in the last year. This service honored KC Donald R. Swanson, KCC, KGC, Past Intendant General Division of Nebraska from 12 June 1982 – 2 June 1998.

Each evening there was a reception followed by dinner; the Saturday night formal banquet is always a great event with all dressed in their formal attire; however, the highlight of the banquet was the dessert prepared especially for the Red Cross of Constantine...Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie with Whipped Cream, dusted with cocoa powder. Yes, it was mouthwatering!

The Friday afternoon social event was a picnic lunch at the boat landing, and a boat tour of the Erie Canal, including a few of the locks. Photos of the boats follow.

Each day, the UGIC Hospitality Room was in operation providing “goodies” to all those who took advantage of the opportunity, morning, noon, and night!

So, if you have not attended a UGIC Annual Assembly, now is the time; the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly in Pasadena, California will be a real extravaganza! See the registration form included herein!

Prior to the opening of the UGIC General Sessions, there are always many last minute details to be discussed and finalized. A few minutes after this photo, all was ready and the work began!



***UGIC 144<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASSEMBLY (Part II)***  
***ERIE CANAL AND ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICERS***



Buses took everyone from the hotel to the waterfront of the Erie Canal. A wonderful buffet picnic was enjoyed right at the canal. After lunch, the waiting boats were boarded. The boats were well staffed and plenty of refreshments were provided. Note the second boat, on the right, is a paddle wheeler! After about two hours, the boats safely returned to the pier, and all were bused back to the hotel to prep for the evening.

***ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED ON SATURDAY MORNING, 4 JUNE 2016***



L – R FRONT ROW, ELECTED OFFICERS: KCs Richard V. Travis, KCC, Grand Trustee; Joe R. Manning, Jr., KGC, Grand Treasurer; James E. Winzenreid, Grand Junior General; R. Stephen Doan, KGC, Grand Sovereign; Joseph C. Harrison, Jr., Grand Viceroy; Douglas F. Hegyi, Grand Chancellor; D. Allen Surratt, Grand Almoner; Bruce B. Hildreth, Grand Trustee.

L – R BACK ROW, APPOINTED OFFICERS: KCs Dennis S. Strole, Grand Chamberlain; Kenneth P. Hill, Grand Chaplain; Larry L. Adamson, Grand Chaplain; John L. Cooper, III, Grand High Prelate; David D. Goodwin, Grand Marshal; Milton A. Slavin, Grand Herald; Arthur H. Weiss, Grand Orator.

***UGIC 144<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ASSEMBLY (Part III)***  
***NEW IGs / INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION***

***NEW INTENDANTS GENERAL INSTALLED***



L – R: KCs Kevin J. Hecht, Division of Connecticut; R. Stephen Doan, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign; Dan G. Daniel, Division of Missouri Northern; Donald R. Denning, Jr., Division of Massachusetts.

***GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF CROATIA RECOGNIZED***



L – R: KC Robert Finley, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign; KC Goran Kniewald, GCC, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of Croatia; and KC R. Stephen Doan, Grand Viceroy.



## ***THOUGHTS ON THE HISTORY OF CHIVALRY***

**By K. C. Arthur Weiss, Grand Orator**

Our world today seems to be in a state of turmoil where at times Christian values appear under attack from both religious and secular forces. As Knights Companions, we watch these events and wonder why the hallmarks of our fraternity do not propagate throughout society as we wish, why it seems difficult to spread the purpose of our beloved Order, "... to cultivate the social virtues, appeal to the intellectual and moral qualities...", why so few seem to follow the chivalric code and Masonic principles we hold dear.

History suggests that this may be a cyclical occurrence over time as the focus of society on its character waxes and wanes. Certainly, chivalric concepts and principles existed before the Christian era. But, it can be argued that Constantine's victory at Saxa Rubra, his adoption of the *Labarum* as his Ensign of Victory and Celestial Protection in battle and his encouragement of his Christian soldiers to include the mysterious *Chi-Rho* monogram on their shields paved the way for the evolution of these principles. Official military use of these symbols helped spread the teachings of Christianity among Roman soldiers and began to have a modifying influence on their conduct. The idea of chivalric principles as a way of life began to emerge.

These ideas blossomed during the Middle Ages, beginning with Charlemagne and the Holy Roman Empire. The mounted horse soldier (knight), or *chevalerie*, from which chivalry is derived, began to follow a code of military prowess, piety, and service to others, which emphasized the social and moral virtues and was supported by the Church. By the late Middle Ages, this code of chivalry was an established moral system giving the follower the feeling of honor and nobility.

Gautier, in his work *La Chevalerie*, summarized his definition of the code of chivalry at the start of the Crusades as,

- Believe all the Church teaches and observe all its directions
- Defend the Church
- Respect all weaknesses, be their defender
- Love thy country
- Do not recoil before the enemy
- Make war against the infidel without cessation or mercy
- Perform your feudal duties scrupulously, if not against God's law
- Never lie; remain faithful to your pledged word
- Be generous and give largesse to everyone
- Be everywhere and always champion Right and Good against Evil and Injustice

We see the continuing development of this code of chivalry during the Crusades, as the concept moved from the conduct of a militarized group of knights to the idealization of the Christian warrior so infused in medieval literature. Knights owed a duty to country and fellow Christians, duty to God and protecting the innocent, and duty to women through graciousness and service. Knighthood became a social rank, and as nobility, not all cavalry were knights. The rise of a bourgeoisie with wealth allowed sons to be educated in the knightly class, further expanding the influence of the code of chivalry.

Yet, even as chivalry had expanded further into society, it became more viewed as idealism rather than applicable to living real life. The Renaissance brought a reduced concern for external threats to Christianity and more infighting within the faith, more internal, political wars, and fewer knights in action as warfare techniques changed. Society began to attack the romantic idealization of chivalry. No greater example of this was Miguel de Cervantes' *Don Quixote de la Mancha*, where the hero clings stubbornly to the code of chivalry and is made out to be a fool. Other writings argued chivalry was outdated and not in step with society. Later, when Queen Elizabeth I made knighthood exclusively the realm of the monarch, the age of chivalry was essentially over.

But, although the cycle may have come full circle, the idealism of chivalry did not disappear. As the Renaissance progressed, the code of chivalry was replaced with the concept of gallantry, or refined elegance, a state of mind by which men should live. The period of Romanticism also tried to resurrect the ideas of chivalry.

As the Renaissance gave way to the modern era, Freemasonry established its public presence and its tenets began a new cycle of consideration of chivalric principles. Andrew Ramsey's fanciful 1737 oration on Freemasonry's connection with Crusader knights inspired the addition of Christian Knighthood degrees to our craft. Our Order, begun in its current form in the mid-nineteenth century by merging this Christian Knighthood tradition in Freemasonry with the historic pretext of the Constantinian orders, gives us an opportunity to live out and reflect upon the principles of chivalry as part of our personal path toward truth and perfection. As we demonstrate these traits in our lives, in open society, we hope that our fellow men will become aware of what we stand for and want to follow this path as well.

Thus, we must work to continue this new cycle, to reestablish the chivalric influence of our Masonic and Christian tenets in the face of current societal apathy, and redirect the view of society to the positive - toward the vision that our Lord has established. In these stressful times, we must remain unified in purpose, faithful to our country and our God, and zealous in our actions to abide by the chivalric and Masonic tenets we hold dear.

### ***ST. CLEMENT CONCLAVE***

On 18 May 2016, St. Clement Conclave in Detroit, MI, installed one new Knight Companion into the Order, Corey F. Curtiss. In attendance were KC Richard Wisely, Puissant Sovereign, and KC Dr. Douglas Hegyi, Illustrious Grand Almoner and PGM of Michigan. Following stellar “work”, the KCs enjoyed a fine meal and good fellowship!



L – R: KC Christopher J. Fildes, Eminent Viceroy; KC Corey F. Curtiss; KC Richard Wisely, Puissant Sovereign and sitting MWGM of MI; and KC Dr. Douglas Hegyi, Illustrious Grand Almoner and PGM of MI.

### ***SANDY SHORES CONCLAVE #21, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA***

Enthronement of the new Sovereign occurred at Hervey Bay, Queensland on 27 June 2016. The photo was taken by R. Ill.& Em. Kt. Ted McCauley, Past Grand Viceroy, and a regular contributor to *The Byzantium* with news from down under!



In the red gown is Allan Dow, Most Puissant Sovereign; on his right is Ill Kt Gene Jonson, Marshal; to his left is R Ill & Em Kt Bill Tupou, Grand Viceroy; and to his left, M Ill Kt Jonathon Nantes, Past Grand Sovereign.

## *EL SALVADOR CONCLAVE*

The El Salvador Conclave held its Annual Assembly on Saturday, 18 June 2016. The session was primarily administrative in nature. However, there was a discussion about how Masonry has aided education worldwide, especially in the third world and how this changes the lives of the people.



Front Row, L – R: KCs Eugenio Romero; Carlos Araujo; Pedro Moreno; Rene Vela; Enrique Allwood, Sovereign; Franco Bendetti; and, Juan Diego Castro.

Back Row, L – R: KCs Ramon Sanfeliu; Oswald Hernandez Huerta; Carlos Lopez; Gumercindo Chavarria; Wilfredo Arevalo; Eduardo Villavicencio.

Seated in front is KC Gustavo Delgado, who recently had a stroke and has difficulty standing.

## *CITY OF MEXICO CONCLAVE*

On 28 May 2016, the Conclave met in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, in Northern Mexico. Hosted by the KCs in the Monterrey area, a total of 12 members from throughout Mexico attended the Assembly. One new member was installed as a Knight Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine as well as the Appendant Orders. The event was held in the Hotel Fiesta Americana; a dinner with the ladies followed the formal session.



Front Row – L to R: KC Denny Strole, Ill Intendant General Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador; KC Ricardo Ruiz, Sovereign; newly installed KC Ruben Hernandez.

Middle Row – L to R: KC Gerardo Manjarrez; KC Oscar Castillo, Viceroy; KC Eduardo Velasco, Treasurer; KC Joaquin Vega; KC Paco Cuevas, MWGM York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Back Row – L to R: KC Jack Norman; KC Armando Torres, Senior General; KC Heriberto Rodriguez; KC Omar Martinez, Recorder; and, KC Hector Aleman.

## ***WHO WAS EUSEBIUS?***

**By K. C. John L. Cooper III, Grand High Prelate**

In the ritual of our Constantinian Order the second in rank in a conclave is the “Eminent Viceroy.” The term “viceroy” means “assistant king,” and if Constantine is presumed to be a “king,” then calling his second in command “viceroy” makes some sense. Or maybe nonsense! For the order also declares that the “Eminent Viceroy” is the “Venerable Eusebius,” and in this capacity he is supposed to be a bishop. From a historical standpoint, the Emperor Constantine was not a “king” in the first place, and his “assistants,” if any, would have been the two “deputy emperors,” called “Caesars” at this point in Roman history. That he would have had a Christian bishop as his “viceroy” is not only ahistorical, but absurd as well. However, as Masons we are familiar with the stuff of legends, and as legends go, it is a rather interesting one. So the Red Cross of Constantine degree posits the idea that the Emperor Constantine had a deputy emperor by the name of Eusebius.

But that is not all that is curious about our ritual. Who was Eusebius anyway? It would be simple if we knew which Eusebius the makers of our ritual had in mind – but we don’t. There were two men of this name associated with the Emperor Constantine, and both men were bishops. Since the authors of our ritual did not identify which “Eusebius” they had in mind, both can be claimants for the position of “our” Eusebius.

One “Eusebius” was Eusebius of Caesarea, bishop of the City of Maritima Caesarea in Palestine. He is also called Eusebius Pamphili, because he was a disciple of, and the successor of Pamphilus, Bishop Caesarea. This Eusebius was a great scholar, and wrote a comprehensive history of Christianity, which we still have. He was born sometime between AD 260 and AD 265, and died in either AD 339 or AD 340. The sources for our information vary, so these dates are imprecise. His “history” was so significant that he is called the “Father of Church History.”

Another “Eusebius” was Eusebius of Nicomedia, a city in Asia Minor which was also the location of one of Constantine’s palaces. We don’t know the date of his birth, but he died in AD 341. As you can see, he was a contemporary of the other “Eusebius,” and it is likely that this is the cause of our confusion as to which “Eusebius” we portray in our ritual. He was a distant relative of the Emperor Constantine, and if we have to pick one “Eusebius,” it is this one that is probably intended in our ritual. It was Eusebius of Nicomedia who baptized Constantine just a short time before his death, and who seems to have been more closely associated with Constantine, as he lived both at Nicomedia where the government of Constantine was located, and then at Constantinople, after Constantine had moved his government there from Nicomedia.

By another curious twist of history, both of these bishops were present at the Council of Nicaea where Constantine forced the adoption of the “Nicene Creed,” the first official and comprehensive definition of Trinitarian Christianity. And both bishops grudgingly gave their support to the definition that finally emerged from that council. Both Eusebius of Caesarea and Eusebius of Nicomedia doubted that the creed as adopted was an accurate definition of the nature of the Trinity. That definition insisted that Jesus had been God from the beginning of time, along with God the Father. These two bishops, along with many others, thought that if God had a son, that the Father must have been in existence prior to the coming into existence of the Son. Their viewpoint was espoused by another bishop of their day, Arius, and this point of view is known in history as “Arianism.”

Candidates for the Red Cross of Constantine must be “Trinitarian” Christians, but we do not actually require of our candidates any specific definition of what that means. However, if our “viceroy” represents either of the two bishops named “Eusebius,” then it is entirely possible that the “Arian” understanding of the Trinity should be our definition as well. However, history has overtaken us. Arianism died out, and the view espoused by the authors of the Nicene Creed prevailed in the Church – both East and West – by the end of the sixth century. Today “Trinitarian” Christians would all be adherents of the Nicene Creed of the Emperor Constantine, and thus the question is a moot one for us. Or is it? Is it possible that the authors of our ritual wanted us to think about these issues and perhaps come to our own conclusions about the nature of Christianity? We may never know, because we don’t know who created our ritual. But whoever it was gave us an interesting and curious insight into history.

### ***WISCONSIN DIVISIONAL ASSEMBLY***

On 13 August 2016, the Wisconsin Divisional Assembly was held in Milwaukee. In attendance were from left to right are: KC James Esswein, Past Sovereign, and KC Rod Anderson, Recorder, both of Chippewa Conclave; Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, KC Steve Doan; Illustrious Intendant General of Wisconsin, KC Gary Beier; and, KC Lawrence Ganake, Sovereign, also of Chippewa Conclave.



## ***SAN JUAN CONCLAVE, PUERTO RICO***

The San Juan Conclave was well represented at the 144<sup>th</sup> UGIC Annual Assembly in Buffalo! KC Ramon Montañez, Past Illustrious Intendant General of Puerto Rico, managed to gather everyone together for a photo with the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, KC R. Stephen Doan, following the installation.



L – R: KC Jose R. Lopez, Ill. IG of Puerto Rico; KC R. Stephen Doan, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign; KC Pedro Nicot, Past Puissant Sovereign; in front of KC Nicot is Sra Gloria Montañez, Ramon's Lady; KC Ramon Montañez, Past Ill IG; and, KC Manuel Oriola, Puissant Sovereign.



## ***EDITOR WANTED***

The current editor of *The Byzantium*, KC Denny Strole, will retire after the February 2017 issue of the newsletter. The UGIC is looking for a new editor starting in February 2017. All interested KCs are asked to contact the Grand Recorder. Please direct any questions to the current editor or the Grand Recorder.



## ***SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ASSEMBLY***

***8 AND 9 JULY 2016***

The Southwest Regional Assembly was held on 8 and 9 July 2016 at the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel, Albuquerque, NM, with 80 Knights Companions and 20 Ladies present. Friday evening was an opportunity for relaxation, and renewing friendships and catching up on events in the Region.

Saturday was a full day of Degree Work. College of Viceroys, presented by Saint Sophia Conclave, NM; Senate of Sovereigns, presented by Mount of the Holy Cross Conclave, CO; Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, presented by San Diego Conclave, CA; Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, presented by Tucson Conclave, AZ; Knight of Saint John the Evangelist, presented by Arizona Conclave, AZ. There were ten to twelve candidates for each of the conferrals that were presented from memory and in appropriate attire. After the Degree Work, the floor was given to the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, KC R. Stephen Doan, KGC, for well received comments.

Below are the Tucson Conclave (top photo) presenting Holy Sepulchre, and Arizona Conclave (bottom photo) presenting Saint John the Evangelist. The Regional Degree Teams were complimented for the excellent work, with a number of guests stating that they had never seen Holy Sepulchre done in full regalia.



**Above, KC Robert A. Elsner, III, Sub-Prior and Intendant General Arizona, (fourth from right) retired from the cast after many years of service!**

***OTHER OFFICERS INSTALLED ON SATURDAY MORNING, 4 JUNE 2016***



Kenneth B. Fischer, KCC, Grand Senior General



Frederick G. Kleyn, III, KGC, Grand Recorder



Kenneth E. Dyer, Grand Standard Bearer



Rev. William D. Hartman, Grand Chaplain

***NEW INTENDANTS GENERAL***



Kevin J. Hecht (Connecticut), Donald R. Denning, Jr. (Massachusetts), David H. Laucius (Delaware), Jimmie L. Windham (Mississippi), M. Eugene Warren (Arkansas), and David O. Martinez (Nevada)



Dan G. Daniel (Missouri Northern) and Wilfred G. Soutiea, Jr., (Missouri Southern)



W. David Melear (Texas Western)



Steven A. Duncan (Ohio Western)



G. Arthur Shoemaker (Idaho)

# 145th UGIC ANNUAL ASSEMBLY and SOUTHWEST REGIONAL

## Pasadena, California

June 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

PASADENA MASONIC HALL & HILTON HOTEL PASADENA

The Knights Companions of California anxiously await your participation in the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly in Pasadena, California, the home of the Rose Parade, Rose Bowl and much, much more. Assembly sessions and meals will be offered at Pasadena Masonic Hall, a beautifully maintained, monumental two-story structure completed in 1927 in the style of Beaux-Arts Classicism. Dinners will be catered by Michael Shafer, owner and chef of The Depot in Torrance, a leading restaurant in the South Bay area of Los Angeles.

Friday morning will be the Southwest Regional Assembly. This Masonic Hall venue will permit the conferral of the Constantinian orders and degrees in a safe, secure and beautiful Masonic setting. All business of the Annual Assembly will be conducted in the Masonic Hall on Saturday.

Pasadena Masonic Hall



On Friday and Saturday afternoons, visits will be offered to the nearby Norton Simon Museum of Art and The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, each a major arts institution in Los Angeles. Transportation to these locations will be provided.



Huntington Celebration Garden – Huntington Library



Norton Simon Museum

## Hilton Hotel Pasadena



Rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Hotel Pasadena. Located at 168 South Los Robles Avenue, the Hilton is 240 steps from Pasadena Masonic Hall. Extensive shopping is available within walking distance of the hotel.

On Thursday evening, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Saint Gabriel Conclave will hold its Regular Assembly at the historic Jonathan Club in nearby downtown Los Angeles. The Jonathan Club is a private social club founded in 1895 where Saint Gabriel Conclave has met since the conclave was formed. Saint Gabriel's meetings are black tie and held at the festive board.

The Puissant Sovereign extends an invitation to all visiting Knights Companions to attend this assembly. Ladies will have the opportunity to dine that evening at redwhite+bluezz in the historic Pasadena Playhouse district. Seating will be limited at both venues, and there will be a supplemental charge for the meals at each. Submit your registration early to avoid disappointment!



Reagan Room at the Jonathan Club

The Hilton Hotel Pasadena is twenty minutes from Burbank Bob Hope Airport. The Super Shuttle charge to the hotel from Burbank Bob Hope Airport is typically \$16.00 per person each way (\$35.00 each way by taxi). Connecting air service is available to Burbank Bob Hope Airport from most major cities on Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, American Airlines and/or Delta. Alternatively, Los Angeles International Airport is the region's gateway to the world.



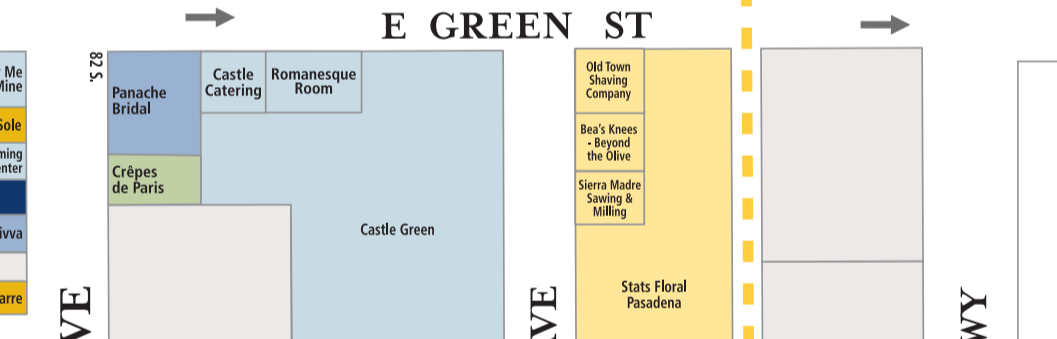
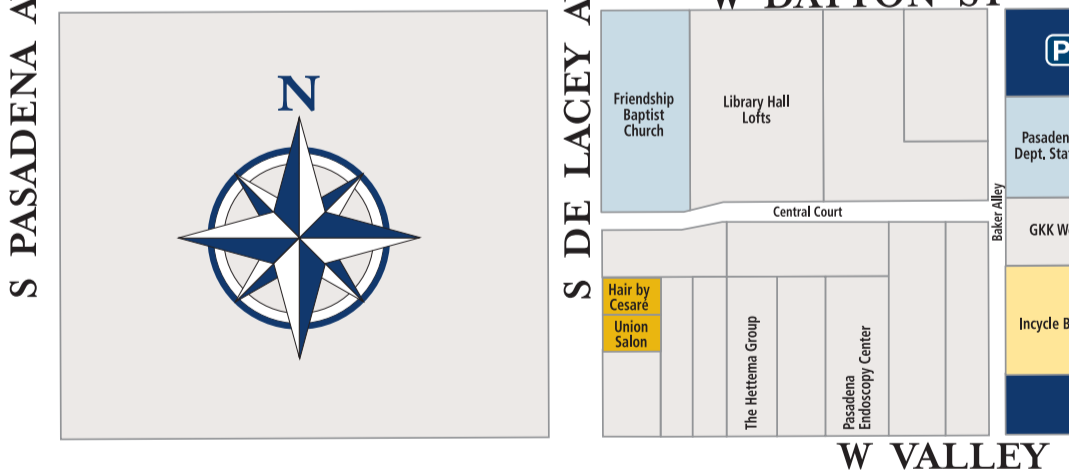
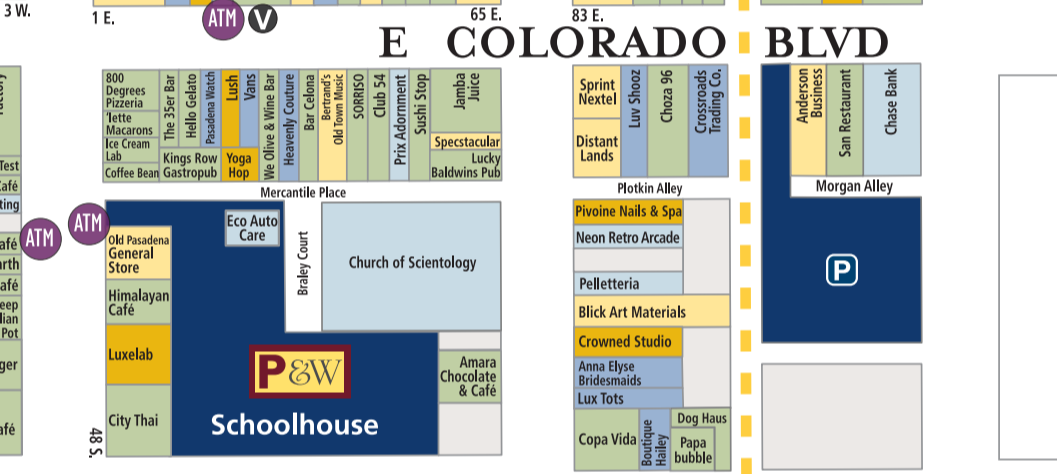
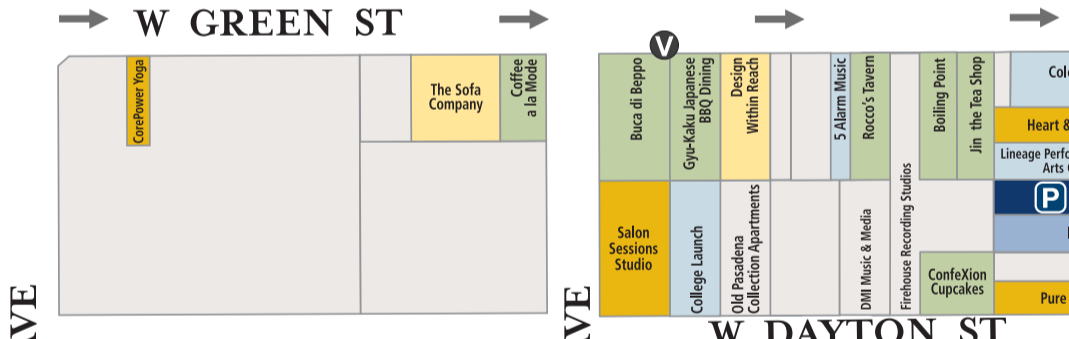
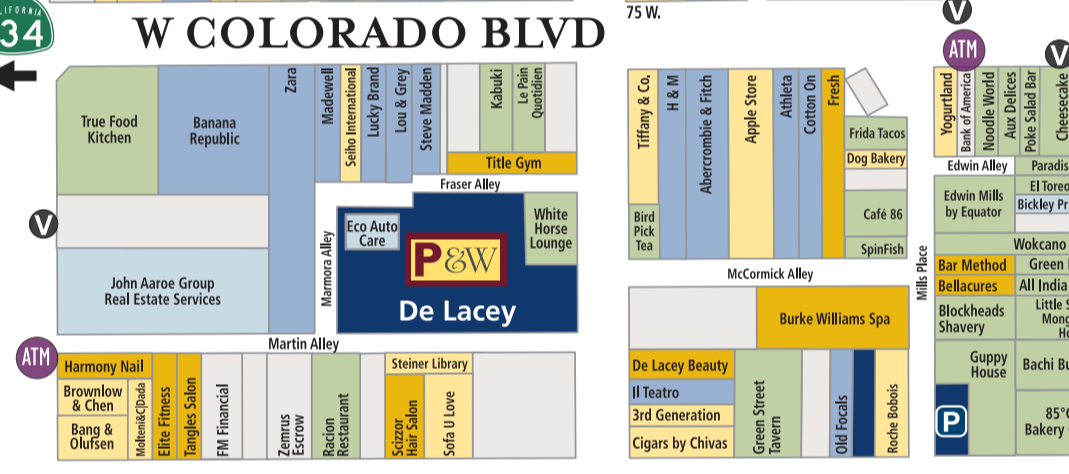
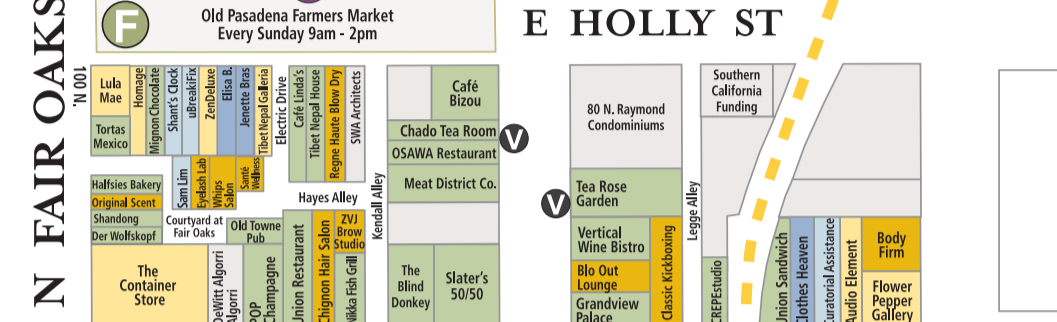
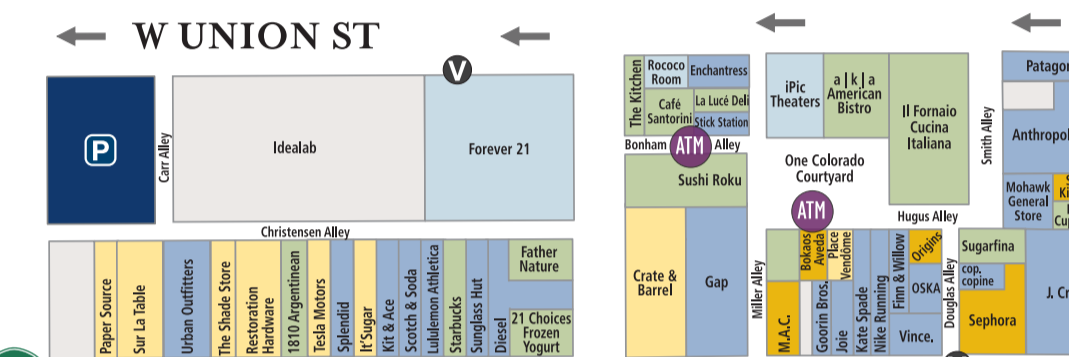
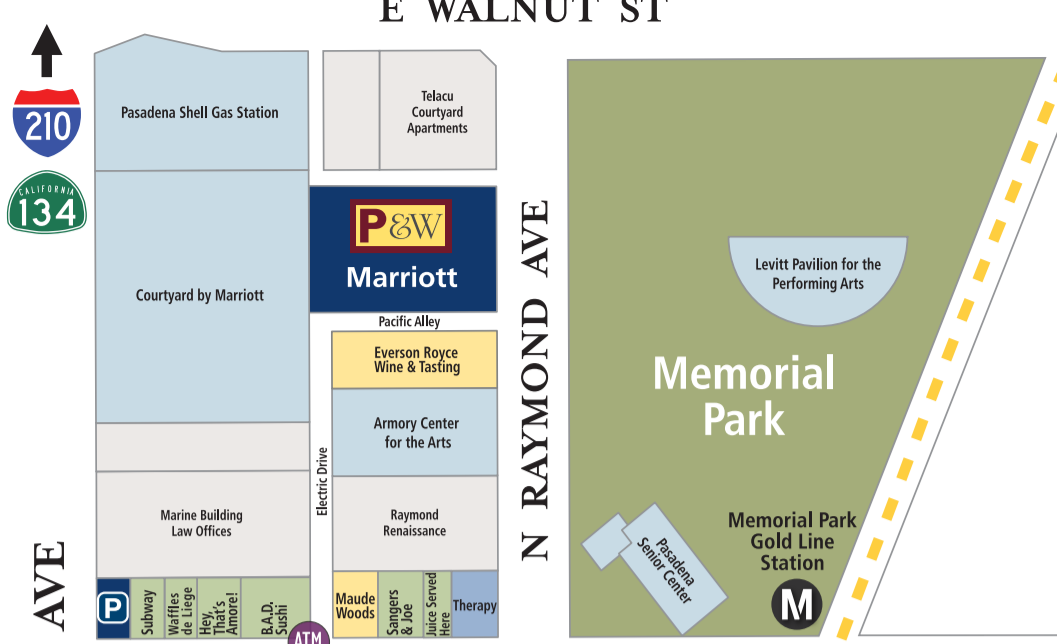
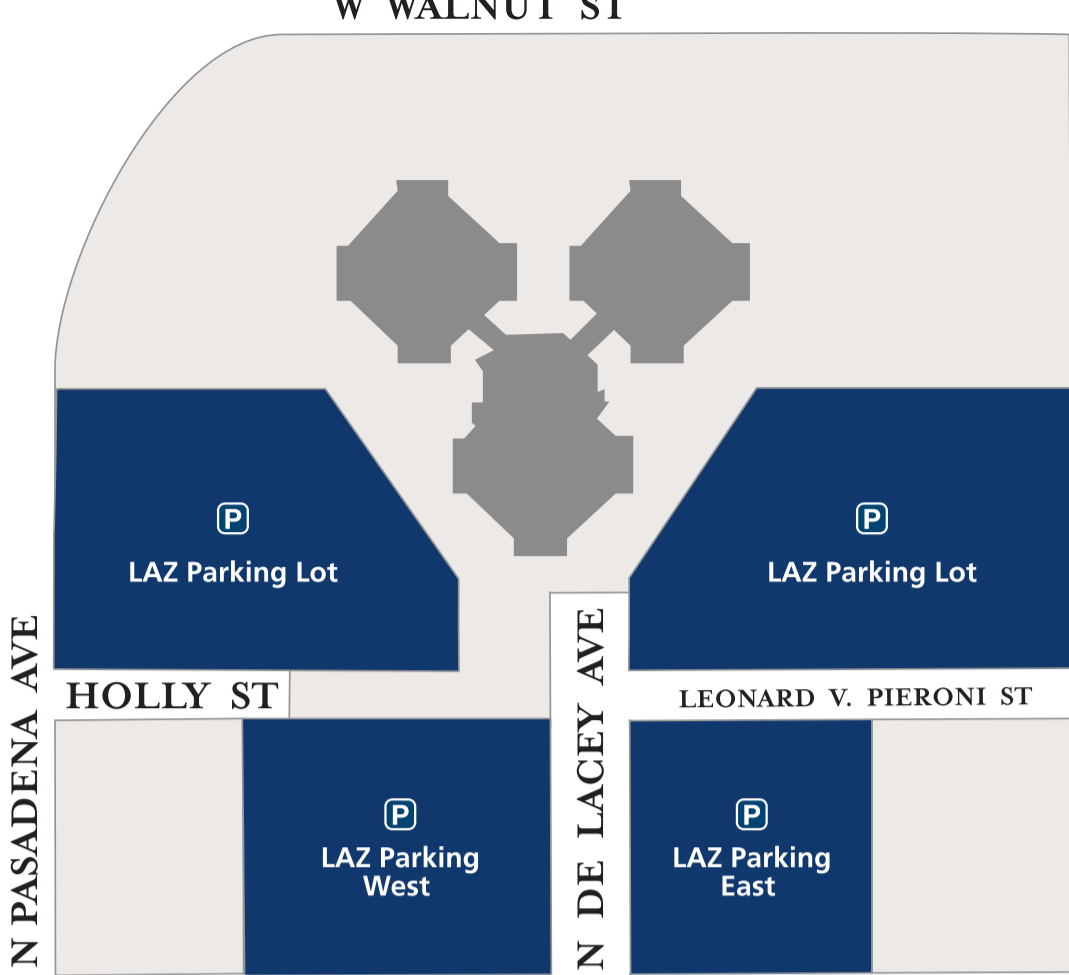
## MAP OF PASADENA



The Hilton Hotel Pasadena is located at 168 South Los Robles Avenue, one block north of Del Mar Blvd.

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### OLD PASADENA DIRECTORY MAP

- Dining, Nightlife, Snacks, Coffee & Tea
- Health, Beauty, & Spa
- Cultural, Community, & Specialty Services
- Apparel & Accessories
- Home, Gifts, & Specialty Retail
- Park & Walk Garages First 90 Minutes Free
- Public Parking
- Valet Stand
- Metro Gold Line Station
- ATM
- Old Pasadena Farmers Market



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168 SOUTH LOS ROBLES AVENUE  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91101  
(626) 577-1000**

**Hilton Reservations: (800) 445-8667**

**\$159 + tax per night for single or double occupancy room (3 night minimum stay). Use ID# REDCC.**

**\$189 + tax per night for single or double occupancy room (1 or 2 night stay). Use ID# TRCCSB.**

**Limited number of rooms available at these rates! Book early!**

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lady if attending \_\_\_\_\_  
First and Last First and Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Location of Conclave \_\_\_\_\_

Conclave Office \_\_\_\_\_ National Office \_\_\_\_\_

National Office in Other Masonic Bodies \_\_\_\_\_

Have you made your lodging reservation with the Hilton Hotel Pasadena? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If flying: Airport \_\_\_\_\_ Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Flight # \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) will arrive on \_\_\_\_\_ I (we) will depart on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date and time) (date and time)

**REGISTRATION FEE OF \$175.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES SOUTHWEST REGIONAL, FRIDAY LUNCH AND TOUR, FRIDAY DINNER, SATURDAY LUNCH AND TOUR AND SATURDAY BANQUET NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$175 EACH \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**INTENDANTS GENERAL MAY ATTEND WITHOUT PAYING THE REGISTRATION FEE BUT MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM EVEN IF NO MONIES ARE DUE**

Select items that you will attend:

<b>Knight Comp</b>	<b>Lady</b>	
		<b>Optional: St. Gabriel Dinner at Jonathan Club (K.C.'s only) (extra charge of \$75)</b>
		<b>Optional: Dinner at redwhite+bluezz restaurant (Ladies only) (extra charge of \$25)</b>
		<b>Friday men's and ladies' lunch</b>
		<b>Friday tour of Norton Simon Museum or Huntington Library (circle choice)</b>
		<b>Friday dinner</b>
		<b>Saturday men's and ladies' lunch</b>
		<b>Saturday tour of Norton Simon Museum or Huntington Library (circle choice)</b>
		<b>Saturday banquet</b>

Check for the registration fee(s) and optional Thursday dinner(s) (if selected) should be made payable to St. Gabriel Conclave.

Mail check and this registration form to:  
Brian P. Bezner BPBezner@gmail.com  
6124 Queenridge Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 (310) 849-7733

**This completed form and your check must be received by April 30, 2017.  
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