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Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign Kenneth Bernard Fischer

Knights Companions, as we proceed into the second half of this term and as this will be my last opportunity to express my appreciation for the opportunity of service to the United Grand Imperial Council and to you, please accept my sincere thanks for this privilege.

What an honor and privilege to be allowed to serve you as Grand Sovereign. It is truly the highlight of my Masonic journey. As many of my predecessors have expressed, I was humbled by just being selected to be a member of this organization in 1980. With each succeeding step I have been again humbled and honored.

All of the Regional and Divisional meetings which I was able to attend were a source of great pleasure and inspiration. To meet with you and enjoy the fellowship in those meetings was certainly a once in a lifetime experience.

We started this journey back in 1994 when I attended the Annual Assembly in Arlington, Virginia. Since then we have missed a few, but not many and then only when it was not possible to attend. We never ceased to make new friends at the meetings. Friends whom we would not have met at any other venues. Friends whom we anxiously look forward to seeing each year at the Annual Assembly. People of the highest quality and outstanding leaders in your own right are what make this one of if not the most desirable Masonic honors organizations.

As we have experienced a decline in membership in the Fraternity, it is imperative that we not lower our standards and allow this premier organization to become less that it was when we were invited to membership. Just because you have an opening does not mean that you should fill that opening with anyone less than the most outstanding Masons



in your jurisdiction. If you will look back to the men who were the founders of your conclaves, I'm sure that you will see names that you probably hear in the most reverent references within your Masonic jurisdictions. It reads like the Who's Who of Masonry, as it should.

Again, please accept my most sincere gratitude for the opportunity of sharing this experience with you.

I hope to see many of you in Houston (League City) at the 147th Annual Assembly. To those of you who may not be able to be there with us, I pray that our paths may cross again as the years go by, to enjoy fellowship once again.

Yours in Faith, Unity, and Zeal,

Kenneth B. Fischer, KGC

Upcoming Events

2019:

- 15-16 March.....34th Annual Northwest Regional Assembly, Springhill Suites, Marriott, 7048 W. Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick, WA 99336
- 19 April.....Good Friday Breakfast, Washington, DC
- 20-21 AprilGrand Encampment Easter Observance, Alexandria, Kansas City and Salt Lake City
- 6-8 June147th UGIC Annual Assembly
South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center
2500 South Shore Blvd., League City, TX 77573
- 26-29 JuneDeMolay International (Centenary Celebration), Kansas City, MO
- 14-16 JulyGreat Smokies Summer Assembly of York Rite Masons, Maggie Valley, NC
- 19-20 July33rd Annual Southwest Regional Assembly, Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento CA 95815
- 31 July – 4 AugustYork Rite Sovereign College of North America, Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT
- 9-10 August34th Annual All-Missouri Divisional Assembly, St. Louis Hilton Airport Inn, St. Louis, MO
- 14-15 AugustGrand Imperial Conclave of Canada, Chateau Vaudreuil, Vaudreuil – Dorion, Quebec
- 16-18 August31st Annual Joint Assembly of Shiloh and Coeur de Lion Conclaves (Nebraska Divisional Assembly), Kearney, NE
- 18-20 AugustBiennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ, USA, Washington, DC
- 23-28 AugustBiennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, NJ, USA, Milwaukee, WI
- 23-24 August40th Annual Oklahoma Divisional Assembly (Oklahoma Triad), Wyndham Garden, 2101 S Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK
- October.....26th Annual All Ohio Assembly, Springfield, Ohio
- 3-5 OctoberConvent General, KYCH, Courtyard by Marriott, Nashua, NH
- October.....Georgia State Wide Assembly
- 1-2 November.....61st Annual Eastern Regional Assembly, Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA
- 9 November.....North Carolina Divisional Assembly, Lenoir, NC

2020:

- JanuaryTennessee Divisional Assembly, Nashville, TN
- 5-9 FebruaryAMD Masonic Week, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Crystal City, VA
- 15-18 FebruaryConference of Grand Masters, Marriott Downtown Louisville, Louisville, KY

Two Unanswered Questions

R. Stephen Doan, KGC, Grand Recorder

Your raising as a Master Mason left you with unanswered questions. We learn in the first three degrees that the building of King Solomon's Temple was an allegorical story with lessons on living in harmony with the Great Architect and His creation. Yet, history tells us that that stupendous edifice was later destroyed. First question: How can we rebuild that temple of perfection erected by King Solomon with the assistance of Hiram King of Tyre and Hiram Abiff, the widow's son? Second question: Because the True Word of a Mason was lost in our third degree, how can we find it?

These unanswered questions, remaining after the introduction of the third degree in England sometime before 1730, were the catalyst for the higher degrees which followed. By 1733, the English had in place the Scots Master degree which tells the story of Zerubbabel's return from Babylonian exile and the building of the Second Temple, a degree inspired in part by a passage describing the building process in the Book of Nehemiah. In early versions of the Scots Master degree, workers at the building site discover in the ruins of King Solomon's Temple a representation of the Tetragrammaton or Ineffable Name of God which they recognize as the True Word of a Mason known to Solomon and the two Hiram's. We preserve this story in several places today in Freemasonry, particularly in the Royal Arch Degree.



Chevalier Andrew Ramsey's 1736 Discourse to the French gave Continental Masons permission to use Masonry's Christian context to find different answers to these questions. As a result, Masonic Christian knighthood emerged in France and across Europe, with new degrees or orders including among others the Knight Kadosh degree, the Knight Rose Croix degree and most importantly for us two others: Knights of the Holy Sepulchre and a French degree called Écossais de la Voûte ("Scots of the Vault"). Knights of the Holy Sepulchre was the inner order for Knights Rose Croix and is the source of our order by the same name. Scots of the Vault is the source of our Order of St. John the Evangelist. Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist answer our two questions in the Christian context.

We are instructed in the opening of Sepulchre that as Masons we build Temples and Tabernacles, but for want of territory we build them in our hearts. There will be no

Third Temple that we can touch, because this allegorical temple of perfection is the confraternity of Freemasons.

In St. John the Evangelist, we learn that the True Word of a Christian Mason is not the Tetragrammaton, but the Word found at the opening of John's Gospel: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This Word at the beginning is the True Word of a Christian Mason, and it or the word *Logos* used in the original Greek version of the Gospel of John is the True Word of a Christian Mason in much of Continental Masonry.

Some have said that Constantinian Masonry is the capstone of our craft, and it is so not just because of the exclusivity of its membership. It is so because it is the final word on what we must do as Christian Masons: live as a confraternity of like-minded men in harmony with the Word which has been with us from the beginning.



147th Annual Assembly League City, Texas June 6th through June 8th, 2019

SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR AND RESORT ON CLEAR LAKE

The 147th Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council will be held on June 6th through 8th, 2019, at the South Shore Harbour and Resort on Clear Lake in League City, Texas. League City is located within the Greater Houston metropolitan area, 20 miles southeast of Houston's William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) and 50 miles southeast of George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH). The weekend will begin with a buffet dinner on Thursday evening, June 6th. On Friday afternoon, there will be a tour of the Space Center Houston and Johnson Space Center. The Friday tour will conclude with a Texas barbeque. On Saturday afternoon, there will be an optional tour of The Lone Star Flight Museum. Other area attractions include Galveston's Historical Homes, Strand and the Historic Pleasure Pier, Kemah Boardwalk, and Moody Gardens. As usual, Saturday activities will conclude with the Grand Banquet.

The registration forms are available on line at http://www.redcrossconstantine.org/RCC_registration.html and as part of this issue of the Byzantium.



Schedule of Events

THURSDAY – JUNE 6, 2019

9 am to 5 pm Registration
Noon till 5 pm Hospitality Room
5 to 6 pm..... Committee on Long Range Planning
6 to 7pm..... Social Hour - Pre-function Area - Main Ballroom
7 to 8 pm..... Buffet Dinner - Main Ballroom
9 to 10 pm..... Committee on Finance and Accounts
8 pm to Midnight.... Hospitality Room

FRIDAY – JUNE 7, 2019

8 am to Noon..... Registration
8:30 to 9:30 am Recorders and Intendants General
General Seminar with Grand Sovereign,
Grand Viceroy, and Grand Recorder
9:30 am to Noon General Session
Noon to 1:00 pm ... Lunch Main Ballroom
1:00 to 5:00 pm..... Tour to Space Center Houston and
Johnson Space Center

6:00 to 9:00 pm Barbeque Dinner at League City
Convention Center

Busses will take all from tour or hotel to Dinner and return to hotel

9:00 to 10:00 pm..... Nominating Committee
9:00 to Midnight..... Hospitality Room

SATURDAY – JUNE 8, 2019

9:00 to 10:00 am General Session
10:00 to 10:30 am ... Memorial Service
10:30 to 11:30 am ... Installation of Officers
Noon to 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 to 5:00 pm Optional Tour to The Lone Star Flight
Museum
1:00 to 5:00 pm Hospitality Room
6:00 to 7:00 pm Social Hour – Pre-function Area - Main
Ballroom
7:00 to 9:00 pm Annual Grand Banquet - Main Ballroom
9:00 pm to 12:00am.. Hospitality Room



**UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE
147TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**

June 6 – 8, 2019

South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center
2500 South Shore Blvd, League City, Texas 77573
(281) 334-1000 or www.sshr.com Group Code: 147THUGIC
\$149.00 single, double, triple, or quad occupancy

Room reservations must be made by April 30, 2019, to receive the discounted rate.

Registration Fee \$175.00 per person

Name: _____ Lady's Name if Attending: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Name & Location of Conclave: _____
 Conclave Office: _____ National Office: _____
 National Office in Other Masonic Bodies: _____
 Have you made your reservation with the Hotel? _____ Yes _____ No
 I (we) will arrive on _____ I (we) will depart on: _____

Houston is serviced by two Major Commercial Airports: Houston Hobby and Bush Intercontinental. Hobby Airport is the closest in proximity to League City. Both have Super Shuttle and other Shuttle services available. As there are no parking fees at South Shore Harbour, you may be able to acquire favorable rental car rates.

Registration Fee of \$175.00 Per Person includes Lunch Friday & Saturday and Dinner Thursday, Friday & Saturday and the Space Center Houston (NASA) Tour. No. _____ @ \$175.00 \$ _____

<u>Knight Companion</u>	<u>Lady</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will attend the Thursday Evening Buffet Dinner, June 6 (Casual)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will attend the Friday Men's and Lady's Lunch, June 7 (Casual)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will attend the Space Center Houston (NASA) Tour, June 7 (Casual)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will attend the Friday Evening Dinner, June 7 (Casual)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will attend the Saturday Men's and Lady's Lunch, June 8 (Casual)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will attend the Saturday Grand Banquet, June 8 (Formal)

OPTIONAL TOUR (Casual)

Saturday, June 8th, 1:00 PM - Lone Star Flight Museum - No. _____ @ \$45.00 \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Attire for Business Meeting – Coat, Tie and Jewel Saturday Banquet – Formal, Sash and Jewel

Special Dietary Needs: _____

INTENDANTS GENERAL MAY ATTEND WITHOUT PAYING THE REGISTRATION FEE BUT MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM EVEN IF NO MONIES ARE DUE

Make Checks Payable To: "147th Annual Assembly"

Mail to: PO Box 273341, Houston, TX 77277-3341

This form and your check must be received by April 30, 2019

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 15, 2019

Space Center Houston

Space Center Houston is the official visitor center of the Johnson Space Center and shares with its visitors the thrill and wonder of space exploration. Space Center Houston is one of the only places on Earth where visitors can see astronauts train for missions, touch a real moon rock and take a behind-the-scenes tour of NASA. Visitors can go inside the unprecedented international landmark Independence Plaza, the only exhibit in the world with a full-scale shuttle replica mounted on top of the original shuttle carrier aircraft NASA 905 and standing eight stories tall. The exhibits, attractions and hands-on activities in this 250,000-square-foot educational entertainment complex tell the story of America's human space flight program, giving guests an experience like no other.



Johnson Space Center

NASA's Johnson Space Center has been a leader in human space exploration for more than half a century. As the nucleus of the nation's astronaut corps and home to International Space Station mission operations, the Orion crew and a host of future space developments, the center plays a pivotal role in human space exploration and enhancing technological and scientific knowledge to benefit all of humankind. Established in 1961 on nearly 1,700 acres southeast of downtown Houston as the Manned Spacecraft Center, the center was renamed in 1973 to honor the late president and Texas native, Lyndon B. Johnson. From the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and Space Shuttle programs to the International Space Station and Orion, the center has been at the forefront of America's human spaceflight programs. Johnson's nearly 10,000-person workforce helps bolster NASA's standing as an institution where creative and talented problem solvers push the boundaries of exploration and innovation.



The Lone Star Flight Museum

The Lone Star Flight Museum is a \$38 million state of the art facility at Houston's Ellington Airport which opened on September 16, 2017. In addition to the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, the 130,000 square foot facility houses the Museum's renowned flying collection of historic aircraft in its Waltrip and Heritage Hangars, which includes a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, Chance Vought F4U-5 Corsair, Douglas DC-3, the Soviet Union's Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-15 and MiG-17F jet fighters and a Sikorsky S-76A helicopter, among many others. Get a birds-eye view of the hangars and exhibits from one of two overlooks. The Museum's Flight Academy introduces visitors to the foundations of flight and aircraft design with hands-on exhibits including three replica cockpits, two hang glider simulators and theatrical films about the principles and history of flight development.



To Know the Love of God

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Allan Robert Petker is a contemporary American composer. The following setting was written for his *To Know the Love of God*, one of the best-selling sacred choral works for 2018:

To know the love of God that was mine before all time is to see the awesome glory of God.

Be still and know that I am God.

To live the love of God that can open another's eyes will reflect the shining glory of God.

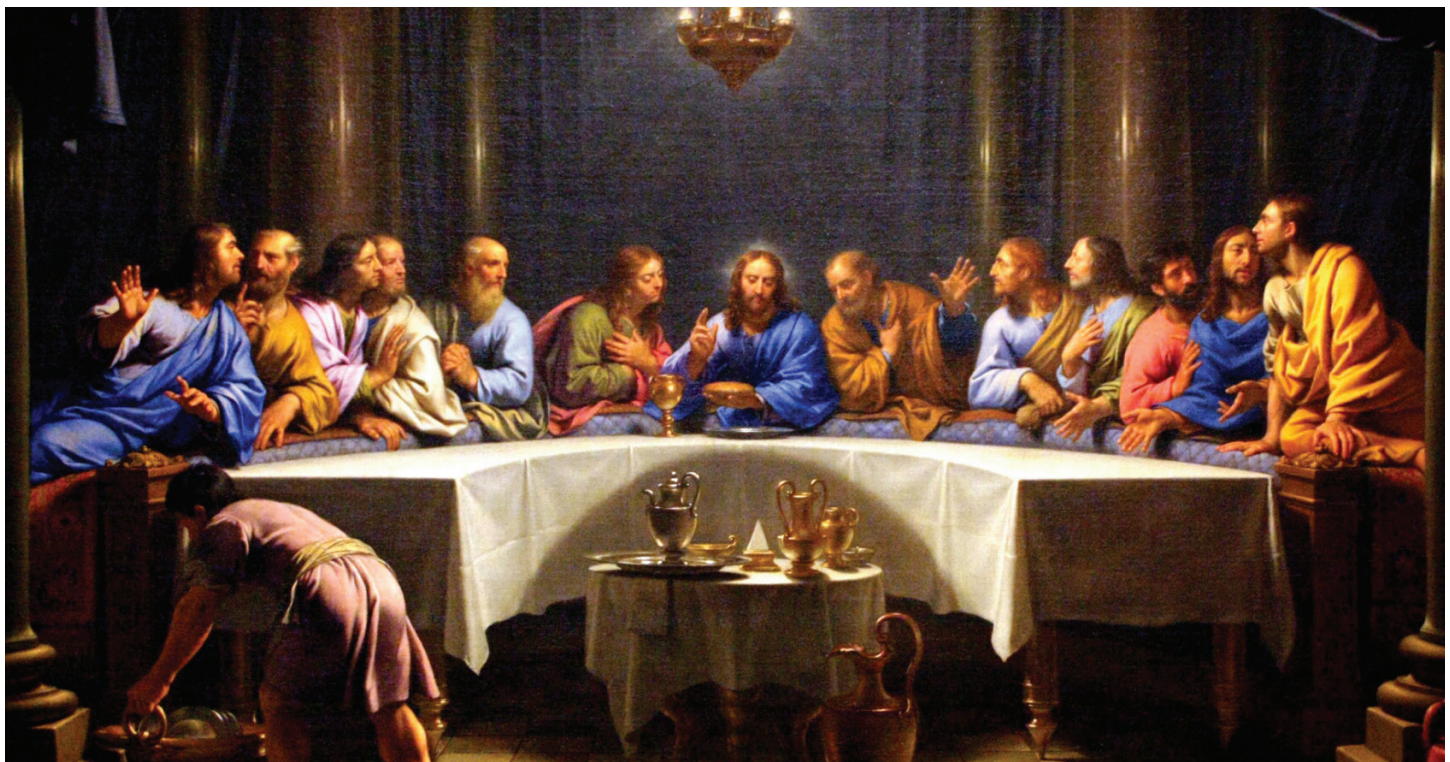
I came not to judge the world, but to save it.

To see the love of God that the joy of truth reveals is to magnify the glory of God.

What does the Lord require, but to do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God.

This setting is based on Jesus's final prayer at the Last Supper just before he and his disciples left for the Garden of Gethsemane, as reported in John 17:20-24. It is in call and response format: in each of the three paragraphs, the people pray, and the Godhead responds. The prayer is for unity among Christ's followers. For Masonic Christian Knights of Constantine, it reminds us of the love which brings unity. The most powerful part of this setting is the subject of the third line: To live the love of God that can open another's eyes. We open others to the unity of love by living that love.

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Knight Companion David L. Hargett, Jr., KGC

June 23, 1939 – July 26, 2018

Memorial

Most Illustrious Past Grand Sovereign, Knight Companion David L. Hargett, Jr., KGC, was born June 23, 1939 in Monroe, North Carolina to Helen Williams and David Lee Hargett, Sr. He was educated in the Monroe City Schools and later at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, Wingate College, Central Piedmont Community College, and North Carolina State University. He married Robin Thames, and they had two sons, Joey and Jeff Hargett, and five grandchildren.

Dave was a life member and Past Master of Monroe Lodge No. 244 in Monroe, North Carolina. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 39th District of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, which awarded him the title Knight Commander of the Order of the Temple of Solomon for distinguished Masonic service and achievement. He also was awarded the Sam Houston Medal by the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F.& A.M., the highest award given by The Grand Lodge of Texas.

In the York Rite, Dave was a Past High Priest of Monroe Chapter No. 64, Royal Arch Masons. Dave was a Past Illustrious Master of Solomon of the Silver Trowel Council No. 24, Royal and Select Masters. He received both the Meritorious Service Award and the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. Dave was a Past Commander of Malta Commandery No. 19, Knights Templar and a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina. He was Southeast Department Commander for the Grand Encampment, 1994 – 1997, and held the distinctions of Knight Crusader of the Cross, Knight Commander of the Temple and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple. He served as Grand Master General of Convent General, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Most Excellent Great Chief of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the USA, Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council, Allied Masonic Degrees of the USA, Grand Supreme Ruler of the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor of the Brotherhood of David and Jonathan in the USA, and Grand Preceptor of the Grand College of America, H.R.A.K.T.P. He had received the rank and decorations of Knight Commander of the Purple Cross and the Grand Cross of York.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Dave was a Past Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in the Valley of Charlotte, Orient of North Carolina and had been coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary.

In the Red Cross of Constantine, Dave was a Past Sovereign of St. Titus Conclave, served as Intendant General for North Carolina and was elected and installed as Grand Sovereign on June 11, 2011.



Knight Companion Robert S. Finley, KGC

February 23, 1936 – January 12, 2019

Memorial

Most Illustrious Past Grand Sovereign, Knight Companion Robert S. Finley, KGC, was born on February 22, 1936 in Albuquerque, New Mexico whence the family moved to Western New York in late 1948. Bob graduated from Bemus Point High School in 1954 and attended Jamestown Community College. After college he spent two years in the United States Air Force.

After discharge he returned to Jamestown where he became active in St. Luke's Episcopal Church. It was there he met Kay. They were married in 1961. He worked for C.H. Bromley Motor Lines, a large manufacturer as its New York State Sales Manager, a bedding manufacturer which he owned and operated and three automobile dealers as a salesman and sales manager. On the side, he was a sports play-by-play announcer, broadcasting over 1500 games, at the high school and college level.

While he was serving on the Vestry of his church, he discovered that every other member was a Master Mason and petitioned Mount Moriah Lodge in Jamestown where he was raised in June of 1970. He held plural membership in Peacock Lodge in Mayville where he served as Master. His service to the Grand Lodge of New York included District Deputy Grand Master, Grand Standard Bearer and Grand Marshal. In 2003 he received the Grand Lodge Award of Appreciation and in 2010 the Chancellor Robert Livingston Medal.

Bob joined the Scottish Rite in 1970 in the Valley of Jamestown which he served as Most Wise Master, Commander in Chief, Treasurer and Director of Works. He was coroneted a 33rd Honorary in 1982. Bob joined the Jamestown York Rite Bodies in 1972 where he presided in the Chapter, Council and Commandery. He held the rank of Knight Commander of the Temple and served as Aide-de-camp for the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2004. Bob served many other Masonic organizations, including Chief Adept of the New York College of Rosicrucians, being honored with its KGC. He served on the Erie Shrine Hospital Board.

Bob joined St. Mark's Conclave in June of 1977 serving as Sovereign in 1987. He served on the Committee for the Eastern Regional Assembly, chairing it for ten years, and was Intendant General for ten years. He was elected Illustrious Grand Almoner in 2010 and installed on June 6, 2015 as Grand Sovereign.

Over the many years of activity in various Masonic endeavors, Bob used a phrase by the great philosopher, Albert Camus, "Do not walk before me, I may not follow, do not walk behind me, I may not lead, walk beside me, be my friend, and we will lead together." We will all miss walking with Bob.



History of the Eastern Regional Assembly

R. Stephen Doan, KGC, Grand Recorder

What we know today as the Eastern Regional Assembly started at Galen Hall Golf Club, an 18-hole public course in Wernersville, Pennsylvania, the weekend of October 17th to 19th in 1958. It began as a social gathering of Knights

Companions and their ladies from the Conclaves which had been part of the old Empire of the East. They wanted to continue the social get together they had enjoyed at the Annual Assemblies of that jurisdiction which had been held in the most recent past during a weekend in the second half of October of every year. The Empire of the East and Empire of the West had disappeared just eight months before when they merged to form the United Grand Imperial Council on February 18, 1958. October 1958 would have been the first such month without an Annual Assembly, and the weekend at Galen Hall Golf Club was planned to continue the social aspects of that annual meeting. The second such fall gathering was also held at Galen Hall, this time immediately after the 1959 session of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Starting in October of 1960, the meeting was held at the Inn at Buck Hill Falls, a private resort community in the Pocono Mountains of northeastern Pennsylvania, returning to the location of the 1953 Annual Assembly of the Empire of the East. The Inn at Buck Hill Falls was a popular resort through the early 1980's. By the time of its closure in October of 1990, the Inn had over 400 guest rooms along with resort amenities, including an indoor swimming pool with a retractable glass roof, several lobby spaces and a white linen dining room. It began its decline in the 1980's





as reduced costs of air travel allowed vacationers from New York and Philadelphia more convenient options than the long drive into the Poconos.

Because of the deteriorating conditions at Buck Hill Falls, the Eastern Regional moved to the Hershey Pocono Resort in White Haven, Pennsylvania (also in the Poconos) for its November 7 – 9, 1986 assembly. Originally the LeChateau Inn and Country Club, the Hershey Pocono Resort later became the Mountain Laurel Resort. The Eastern Regional moved from the Mountain Laurel Resort to what is now the Holiday Inn in Grantville, Pennsylvania for the 1998 assembly and has met there ever since.

The Eastern Regional is the largest Constantinian gathering in the United States after our UGIC Annual Assembly. It has for many years offered all the Red Cross Orders and chair degrees in addition to superlative social enjoyment. It has been the model for all the other regional assemblies we now enjoy.

Knight Companion William E. Yeager, Jr., K.G.C., was Chairman of the Eastern Regional Assembly from 1985 through 1994 while he served as Intendant General for Pennsylvania Central. Many Eastern Regional traditions originated with Bill. Our late Past Grand Sovereign, Bob Finley, carried on the traditions during the many years that he chaired the event after Bill.



60th Anniversary Celebration of Eastern Regional Assembly

Approximately 200 registered Knights Companions and 65 Ladies attended the 60th Eastern Regional Assembly at the Holiday Inn, Grantville, Pennsylvania on November 2 - 4, 2018. A total of 36 conclaves from 16 different states including the District of Columbia were represented. Thirty-two of the 38 conclaves in 12 of the 13 states in the Eastern Region, including the District of Columbia, were represented. New Hampshire was the only state without representation. The following divisions had all their conclaves represented – Connecticut (1), Delaware (1), District of Columbia (1), Maryland (1), New Jersey (2), New York (7), Pennsylvania (12), Rhode Island (1), and West Virginia (2). Other states in the Eastern Regional represented included Massachusetts (1), Vermont (2) and Virginia (1). Knights Companions from 4 other conclaves in 4 other states were present, included California (1), Michigan (1), Ohio (1), Texas (1).

The informal dinner, “Celebrating the Past,” on Friday night started the weekend. One hundred and seventy-one revisited the past as they honored the tradition of the early Eastern Regional Assemblies with a delicious and plentiful turkey dinner, complete with cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, and reminisced.

“Embracing the Present,” Knights Companions from United States Premier Conclave (Pittsburgh, PA); Williamsport Conclave (Williamsport, PA); and St. James Conclave (Shamokin, PA) performed outstanding, impressive ritualistic work for the 23 Senate of Sovereigns candidates and 24 College of Viceroy candidates; 25 Order of the Red Cross of Constantine candidates; and 34 Appendant Orders candidates, respectively. Wilmer E. Hall, ME Past Grand Commander, KT of PA, and Douglas D. Crum, MP Past Grand Master, GC of R&SMM of PA, capably operated the updated audio system.

Dignitaries introduced to KC Kenneth B. Fischer, KGC, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, and the Assembly of Knights Companions and Ladies included the following:

- **CONCORDINATE BODIES** – James R. Herrington, Grand Governor of Delaware, YRSC; Richard A. Rodibaugh, Grand Governor of Pennsylvania, YRSC; James B. Walsh, Northeast (South) Regional DGGM, General Grand Council CM, International; Mark E. Irwin, DGGHP Northeast Region, General Grand Chapter RAM International; Benjamin A. Beynon, R.E. Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; Charles M. Bombich, Most Puissant Grand Master of the Grand Council R.& S.M.M. of Pennsylvania; Philip Crawford, MEGHP, Rhode Island; David W. Schuler, MEGHP, Vermont; George F. Morrow, MEGHP, Grand Holy RAC of Pennsylvania; and David Dixon Goodwin, Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master Allied Masonic Degrees, USA;
- **SUPREME COUNCIL SOUTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION** – Marlin Mills, 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, MD;
- **SUPREME COUNCIL NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION** – Kevin J. Hecht, 33°, Active, CT, and Intendant General, CT; Bruce Work, 33°, Deputy for CT; Dennis W. Pothier, 33°, Active, RI; Steven E. Smith, 33°, Deputy for RI; and David Glattly, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander;
- **INTENDANT GENERALS** – David H. Laucius, DE; W. Kenneth Lyons, Jr., DC; Gordon A. Davids, MD; Donald R. Denning, Jr., MA; Charles C. Mendell, NY Western; Henry L. Leshner, PA Central; John A. Habel, PA Western; Thomas F. Miller, PA Eastern; Leon C. Knudsen, RI; and Jonathan Park, VT;

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•RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA – S. Eugene Herritt, RW Grand Master accompanied by Larry A. Derr, RW Junior Grand Warden; Mark A. Haines, RW Grand Secretary; Jay W. Smith, RW Past Grand Master; Marvin G. Speicher, KCC, RW Past Grand Treasurer; and Thomas W. Jackson, KGC, PGS, and RW Past Grand Secretary.



John Orr, Jr.; Bennie G. Owens; Paul K. Pfalzgraf; Theodore Pierce; Norris L. Provencher; Gardner C. Sconyers; James S. Spence; and Lester G. Weinheimer – from 17 different conclaves throughout the Eastern Region. Assisting him were Robert S. Finley, KGC, PGS and Thomas F. Miller, IG, Pennsylvania Eastern.

While the Knights Companions enjoyed the afternoon ritualistic work, 33 Ladies enjoyed a trolley tour of Hershey, PA, with a stop at Chocolate World. Others enjoyed nearby shopping at the outlets and/or gaming at the Hollywood Casino.

One hundred and seventy-four Knights Companions and Ladies attended the annual Saturday night banquet with the Dave Wilson Jax Trio providing the music for the social hour and dinner. Knights Companions received special glasses commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Eastern Regional Assembly.

“Focusing on the Future,” Thomas F. Miller, Chairman, thanked those who helped make another successful Eastern Regional – Richard and Mary Balas; Doug Crum; Robert Finley; Freeman and Karen Frey; Marci Goodwin; Mark Haines; Wilmer E. Hall; Gordon Hensel; Henry and Kathleen Lesh; Robert Sutcliffe, Paul Sutcliffe, and their team; his wife Betty; all degree cast members; and the Holiday Inn, Harrisburg/Hershey staff. He also announced the 61th Annual Eastern Regional Assembly will be held at the Holiday Inn, Harrisburg/Hershey at Grantville on the traditional first full weekend of November – November 1 - 3, 2019.

Following the Introduction of Dignitaries, The Reverend William D. Hartman, Grand High Prelate, conducted the annual Necrology Service for the 25 departed Knights Companions – Frederick J. Berenbroick; Frederick Bitter; Arthur F. Chapman, Sr.; David Cumming; Harley DeShane; Edward H. Fowler; Kenneth R. Geary; Richard J. Gibbons; Robert H. Gillespie; Barteld W. Gout; Bafford H. Harrison; William L. Holliday; Joseph Jacobs; Douglas L. Jordan; C. Jarvis Lewis, Jr.; Leo H. Lohrmam; John Margroff;

Let There Be Light

R. Stephen Doan, KGC, Grand Recorder

The following piece of music is among my favorites:

<https://musescore.com/user/23822/scores/860956>

It is from the sound track of *2001: A Space Odyssey*, the 1968 epic science fiction film produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick, with a screenplay written by Kubrick and Arthur C. Clarke. The film follows a voyage to Jupiter with the sentient computer Hal after the discovery of a mysterious black monolith affecting human evolution. The film deals with the themes of existentialism, human evolution, technology, artificial intelligence and extraterrestrial life.

This music is heard at the opening of the film and played again at various times throughout. It is the *Ode to the Sun*, the opening movement of Richard Strauss's *Also sprach Zarathustra*, a tone poem inspired by Friedrich Nietzsche's philosophical novel of the same name. The *Ode to the Sun* opens with a sustained double low C played by the double basses, contrabassoon and organ. The key of C is itself very important for understanding the significance of this piece, because the key of C has, since at least the time of Mozart, been considered musically and symbolically the key of light. This double low C opening transforms into a brass fanfare and the music which follows.

This piece is known to some as the "dawn" *motif*. A *motif* is a short succession of notes producing a single impression. It can also be a brief melodic or rhythmic formula out of which longer passages are developed. When a *motif* is thematically associated in a piece with a particular person, place or idea, it is also called a *leitmotif*. It thus is a metaphor for or symbol of something else.

Because this dawn *motif* is repeated throughout the film, it is to the observant film goer a *leitmotif*. It represents something else, and that something else is clearly indicated by the *Ode to the Sun* source material. The sustained double low C on the double basses, contrabassoon and organ at the opening of the *leitmotif*

symbolizes the void at the Beginning. The key of C tells us that Light was inherent in the void. The trumpets are God's proclamation over the void of *Fiat Lux*, Let There Be Light. God and Light were present in the void, but it was God's will which caused the manifestation of Light. The music which follows represents the unfolding of His glory. In short, the dawn *motif* represents the Creation. The dawn *motif* is last heard at the end of the film when a black monolith appears at the foot of the astronaut's death bed. As he reaches for it, he is transformed into a fetus enclosed in a transparent orb of light, as the dawn *motif* is played. The astronaut has died and been reborn. The film ends as the new being floats in space beside the Earth, gazing at it.



Also sprach Zarathustra was first performed in November of 1896. Strauss's next major work was *Ein Heldenleben* (A Hero's Life in English) which was completed two years later. It is a six-movement tone poem. The piece has one *leitmotif* which when played represents the hero. There is another *leitmotif* representing his companion or wife. The first movement of the piece is built around the hero's *leitmotif*. In the third movement, entitled The Hero's Companion, his wife's *leitmotif* is introduced and developed with pleasing harmony. At first, the hero's *leitmotif* bluntly interrupts her *leitmotif* periodically. Eventually, the hero's *leitmotif* begins to join with his wife's until the two melodies are played harmoniously together, symbolizing her power in harmonizing the hero with herself and the world. In subsequent movements, the hero is successful in battle and in peace, because he has learned from his companion to live in harmony. The work ends with the first violin representing the wife and the first French horn representing the hero in a duet spiraling upward until the horn is no longer heard and



the violin finishes her piece. Metaphorically, the hero has died as his wife has helped him in his transition.

When the Los Angeles Philharmonic last performed *Ein Heldenleben*, Conductor Gustavo Dudamel added something to the end which came as a total surprise. When the violin finished her farewell, the silence was broken by the orchestra's trumpets playing their portion of the dawn *motif* from the *Ode to the Sun*. As with the astronaut at the closing of *2001: A Space Odyssey*, our *Ein Heldenleben* hero in death has transitioned to a future existence. He has been created again, as the

trumpets so beautifully and profoundly proclaim when they play this portion of the dawn *motif*. Dudamel reassured us musically that death is not the end but our personal portal to the full glory of Creation.

Music is powerful because it can express emotions which we cannot articulate. Like the *Logos*, the original Greek for the Word at the opening of John's Gospel, the *Ode to the Sun* expresses God's reassurance of our hope for His ultimate grace and mercy if we just open our hearts and eyes to listen and see.

ST. HONORE CONCLAVE, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE, INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Saint Honore Conclave, R. C. C., of Jacksonville installed its 2019 officers on January 12, 2019 at The Hilltop in Orange Park, Florida. The Installing Officer was Robert G. Kirkpatrick, MEPGHP, PS, Intendant General, Division of Florida.

Picture here were the new officers with Installing Officer Robert Kirkpatrick, Intendant General, after the Installation.

Shown from left to right were: Charles R. Cooper, MEPGHP, Jr. General; M. Daniel Fullwood, MIPGM, Viceroy; Patrick F. Farrell, PDDGM, Prelate; Steven M. Barnett, Sovereign; Robert K. Beaty, PS, Treasurer; Harold E. Hunter, Jr., PS, Recorder; Brian R. Poole, R. R. Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Florida, Sr. General; Rusty M. Ludlam, EGJW, Grand Commandery of Florida, Sentinel; Thomas A. Olsen, III. Grand Sentinel, Grand Council R. & S. M., DDGC, Standard Bearer; and Robert G. Kirkpatrick, MEPGHP, Intendant General, Division of Florida.

Not pictured were: Corey D. Kosciuszko, GM 3rd Veil, Grand Chapter R.A.M., of Florida, Prefect; and Paul J. Mast, KYCH, Herald.

The second photo shows from left, the newly installed Viceroy, M. Daniel Fullwood; Sovereign Steven M. Barnett; and Installing Officer Robert G. Kirkpatrick, PS, Intendant General of Florida.



ST. STEPHEN'S CONCLAVE, RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE, INSTALLS OFFICERS

Knight Companion Richard Hammill was installed on Saturday, October 6, 2018 as Sovereign of St. Stephen's Conclave in New Jersey. Pictured below are Richard and his team of officers. To the Sovereign's right is Knight Companion E. Eugene Fricks, Jr., Intendant General for the Division of New Jersey. St. Stephen's meets in the lodge hall of Rising Sun Lodge No. 15 in Haddonfield which is across the Delaware River from Philadelphia.





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