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Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign Marcos David Ostrander Mulford, KGC

Eleven months have transpired in absolutely record time for me, and what an enjoyable time it has proven to be. It has been "Tempus Fugit" for sure, and the symbol of the hourglass is just a tad too slow for what really occurred, engaging warp drive is

more like it.

I've been thinking hard as to how I could ever put it into words and share with you the experience of serving as your Grand Sovereign during this past year. Once a client told me that I was a man of few words, which as a lawyer by trade I took that remark as a very high compliment indeed, and thus I've always given it my best to express what I have to say as succinctly as possible. Exciting, Heartening, Humbling, and Privileged pretty well sum up my thoughts, and I have learned so much from you, my Knights Companions, that it indeed feels that you have given me so much energy, light, and fraternal love that I could ever recompensate you for.

Intendants General and Knights Companions, thank you for your unconditional service to our beloved order; your selfless devotion, determination, and sense of duty are a shining example and serve as an inspiration to our whole Fraternity.

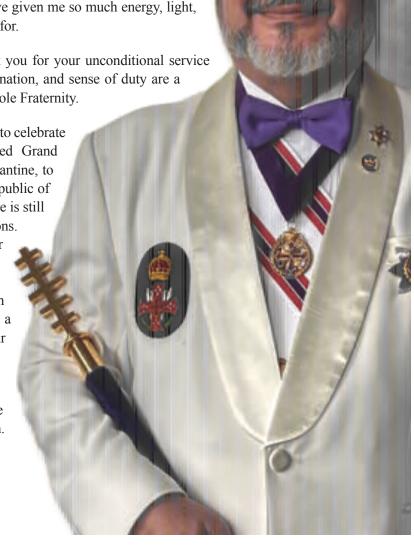
We eagerly await your arrival on our Isthmus in order to celebrate our historic 151st Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, to be held on June 8th - 10th, 2023, in Panama City, Republic of Panama, at the Sheraton – Aloft Hotel complex. There is still time for you to register and make your hotel reservations. Your Panamanian brethren are renowned for their fraternal hospitality, and I am sure you will all have a most enjoyable time during your visit. During our Assembly we will be joined by our brethren from Latin America and other parts of the world, who will have a unique opportunity to learn and share with us what our

Thank you again, my Knights Companions, for that marvelous gift you have given me by granting me the opportunity to SERVE YOU as your Grand Sovereign.

Constantinian Masonic Fraternity is all about.

¡Bienvenidos a Panamá!

Yours in the Faith Unity and Zeal Marcos D. Ostrander-Mulford, KGC Grand Sovereign



Happy Resurrection Day!

Mark A. Anderson, Intendant General, Division of Minnesota

e all know the Easter story. It can be summarized this way: Triumph. Betrayal. Execution. Despair. *Triumph and Glory*. A week of extremes, to be sure; today we'd call it a "roller coaster of emotion." But it was a week which came *full circle* for Jesus' friends, disciples, followers.

Note that I didn't say *Christians* or *the Christians*. Jesus never gave his disciples a label. In his time, his fellowship of believers were called followers, or as most often used in the Bible: saints. These saints were persons distinct because of their relationship to God.¹ In a specifically New Testament setting, "saints" is a translation from Greek meaning "holy ones" in distinction from nonbelievers.² The Greek term Hagios (saints) is referenced in over 200 verse entries in the New American Standard New Testament Greek lexicon.³

Remember that these followers/saints comprised a sub-set of Judaism. Their intent was not to start a new religion; the design was to minister to other Jews. Daniel J. Boorstin states: "The special appeal...came from the fact that it was a voluntary religion of those who adored its founder, Jesus of Nazareth. [It was a] "founded" religion, whose members had *chosen* to put their faith in a new Savior." (emphasis mine.)

The first use of the term Christian is in the Acts of the Apostles 11, verse 26 "...it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians." There's a question of whether first use of the term was meant derisively, or simply referred to a group loyal to Jesus, the "Christ" (from Greek *Christos*, "anointed one.") The Hebrew term *Messiah* also means "anointed one".

Critics then and today fail to recognize the simple message which Jesus gave us. First: "Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me." Second, and most important: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The latter quote is aptly described by Francis A. Schaeffer as The Mark of the

Christian, in a short treatise of the same name.8 It is that New Commandment which makes us who Christians... we are. denomination, not theological interpretation of who belongs to the "true" church, and are therefore the only "true" believers.



Unlike those who were present with Jesus that day, we have two millennia of study and understanding (if we can ever completely understand) around the events on Calvary. Morton Scott Enslin puts it this way: "The newest and most spectacular 'discovery' oftentimes turns out to have been discovered and then forgotten a century or more ago." All of us can concur that *that* day on Calvary was a time of confusion and grief; today we have *relief* in the knowledge of Jesus' love and sacrifice for us.

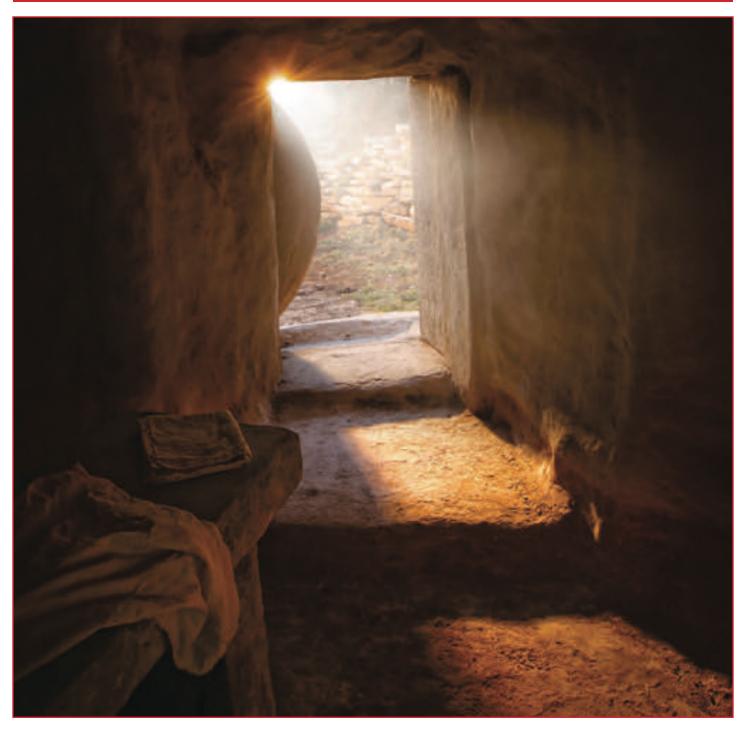
And what a sacrifice! Our Eternal Life has been assured and guaranteed by no less than God-With-Us, our Savior and Redeemer, Emmanuel. Give thanks each and every day, Knights Companions, for this unimaginable gift. Remember the sentiment and keep in your heart the rousing chorus from Robert Lowry's 19th-century hymn:

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Spread the Good News! May the blessings of Christ descend on you, and grant you peace through the love of our Risen Savior. Make every day a Triumphant and Glorious Resurrection Day!

Mark A. Anderson

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Thurman C. Pace, Jr. Honored

t Joseph Conclave, now of Westfield, New Jersey, gathered on November 14, 2022 to honor Past Grand Sovereign Thurman C. Pace Jr., K.G.C., for his 50 years as KC Pace was a Constantinian Mason. installed a Knight Companion on October 7, 1972 in St. Quentin Conclave, Garden State, New York. He served that conclave as Sovereign in 1984. The next year, he was elected Grand Almoner of the UGIC and progressed through the line until his installation as Grand Sovereign on June 9, 1990. He is now the senior Past Grand Sovereign of our jurisdiction. KC Pace became a charter member of St. Joseph Conclave, then located in Lincoln Park, New Jersey, which received its charter on June 3, 1989.

Preceded by dinner, the assembly was marked by good fellowship and a hearty welcome. KC Robert Deissler, an early member of St. Joseph and former recorder of the conclave, was in

attendance also and shared stories of the founding of the conclave, in which KC Pace played a key role.

Earlier in the evening, St. Joseph installed its officers for 2023. KC Michael Canavan completed his term as Sovereign, and KC Barry Cummings was installed as his successor.

Membership of St Joseph Conclave gathered around honoree Thurman C. Pace Jr. for the presentation of a certificate of 50 years of Constantinian membership.



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Left: Seated l. to r.: Thurman C. Pace Jr, Robert Deissler; standing; Michael Canavan, retiring Sovereign; Barry Cummings, newly installed Sovereign; Gene Fricks, Intendant General.

Bottom: Presentation of the 50 Year Membership Certificate to Past Grand Sovereign Thurman C. Pace Jr by Ill. Intendant General Gene Fricks.



Activities and Events from the Minnesota Conclaves during the past year

Photo 1: St. George Conclave presentation of 45 year certificate to David S. Bouschor, December 4, 2021. Left to right - M. Wiley Smith, PS; John Lindgren, PS; David Bouschor, PS; 2022 Sovereign Brian McVean.

Photo 2: St. Olaf Conclave presentation of 50 year certificate to James O. Burlingame, Past Intendant General, August 1, 2023, at his Assisted Living apartment.

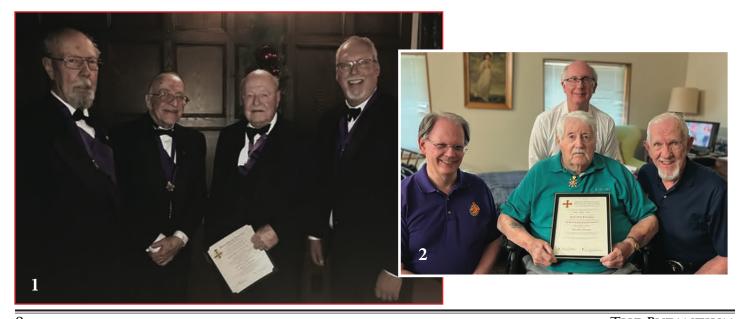
Left to right: IG Mark Anderson; Jim Burlingame, PIG; 2022 Sovereign Don Wurden. Standing behind his dad is James O. Burlingame, Jr., PS.

Photo 3: St. Olaf Conclave presentation of 40 year certificate to John Loutzenhiser, October 15, 2022. Left to right: 2023 Sovereign David Kampf; John Loutzenhiser, PS; 2022 Sovereign Donald Wurden.

Photo 4: On October 15, 2022 while the boys were in their meeting, the Ladies of St. Olaf Conclave toured the Historic Wabasha Street Caves, in St. Paul. The Caves were extensively mined in the 1800s, and later gained notoriety as a Gangster hotspot in the Prohibition Era. The current facility can host events for up to 200 people. A popular activity each Thursday night is Big Band Era music and Swing Dancing!

Photo 5: St. Olaf Conclave Officers on October 15, 2022, with two new Knight Companions. Front row, left to right: John Studell; new KC Brent Reichow; 2022 Sovereign Donald Wurden, IG Mark Anderson; 2023 Sovereign David Kampf; new KC Terry Henthorn; Richard McGinnis; Michael Powles, PS; Ethan Seaberg. Back row, left to right: Robert Selden; David Olson; W. David Emery; Joseph Anderson; Theodore Martz.

Photo 6: At the historic Kitchi Gammi Club, Duluth, for the annual meeting of St. George Conclave, December 3, 2022: St. George 2023 Sovereign James Proctor; St. Olaf 2023 Sovereign David Kampf; St. George 2022 Sovereign Brian McVean; Intendant General Mark Anderson.



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A Tracing Board

rom early Speculative Masonry, we find reports of temporary chalk, charcoal and clay drawings created for the evening on the meeting room floor as a visual aid for the lecturer after a Masonic degree. Likely for convenience and permanence (and to spare more aristocratic candidates from using a pail and mop to erase the drawings from the floor), they were later drawn instead with more permanent medium on a floor cloth (either on canvas or a board) which could be displayed for the lecture. The demise of the floor drawings resulted in some sad commentaries on the death of the pail and mop.

These permanent tracing boards evolved beyond visual aids for the lecture. Because members could have their own individual copies of their favorite tracing boards, they could become personal memory aids for the degrees and lectures. They could also then evolve into mandalas: meditative emblems to help understand the meaning of the symbols of the degree represented.

Mandalas can also be used by practitioners of the Art of Memory, a practice known to be encouraged among operative Masons by William Shaw in the 1590's. The Art of Memory began in the middle of the first millennium BCE as a means to remember a sequence of events for a speech. The speaker would memorize the items to be discussed by placing them in the path of travel through a building in the same order to be used in the speech. This memory tool can also be a meditative device on the symbolic meaning of the items represented, particularly if the path of travel illustrates the alchemical process of finding the Philosopher's Stone. A meditative journey through the emblems on a mandala is the same process.

The power of a symbolic system is that you take from the symbols what you need to address issues you are facing now. What do you find helpful on the tracing board on the next page for your personal Masonic journey? This image is a First Degree tracing board from the Emulation work of the United Grand Lodge of England. In the Emulation work, after the ritual part is completed, the Senior Deacon takes the tracing board from in front of the Junior Warden's pedestal (from a set of three which change based on the degree in

which the lodge is at labor), places it on the floor, has the candidate stand beside him and uses his rod to point out images on the board as he explains them. No set wordage is used in the Emulation ritual, as lectures were not historically pre-set.

Starting at the top of the board, you see two of the three lesser lights: the Sun and the Moon. At the corners are four tassels representing Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice, the Cardinal Virtues from Plato's *Republic*. The mosaic pavement and tessellated border attributed to the pavement of King Solomon's temple are clear. The bases of the three pillars have the jewels of the Master and Wardens. They also have emblems representing additional Emulation virtues: Secrecy (the key) and Fidelity and Obedience (the sword, rod and ribbon). The chapiters are Doric, Ionic and Corinthian. On the rock on the lower right are the working tools of an EA in the Emulation ritual: the 24" gauge, the common gavel and the chisel.

In the lower left hand corner is a cornerstone with the tripod for lowering it and a pully. Together, they are a lewis, an instrument used in operative masonry for lowering a stone into place. A model of the lewis in use can be found on the pedestal of the Senior Warden in some Emulation Lodges. It is also the name of a Mason whose father was or is a Mason.

The focal point of the board is its center, with the three Great Lights and Jacob's Ladder. The Holy Writings are on the altar. The square and the compass are on the trestle board on the floor on the way to the altar with plans for a building. Note all of the symbolism associated with the altar. The side facing the viewer has a point within a circle (a symbol of God and gold) and two parallel lines. Originally, St. John the Baptist was considered the parallel line to Jesus. On top of the altar are the Holy Writings in the form of a book and a Torah scroll.

Rising from the Holy Writings is Jacob's Ladder. Faith, Hope and Charity are three of the five groups of figures on the ladder rounds. They are the Theological Virtues from 1 *Cor* 13:13. The Cardinal Virtues teach us how to be more manly. The Theological Virtues teach us how to be more Godly and

thus are on Jacob's Ladder, our pathway to the Divine. On other ladder rounds are ascending and descending angels to guide us on our climb.

The goal of our climb is the Blazing Star of Divine Providence, represented by a seven point star at the summit of Jacob's Ladder (seven for the seven astrological planets). It is the Sonnenkries from the Magic Flute: the sevenfold Circle of the Sun talisman (in German, der siebenfochen Sonnenkreis, the sevenfold circle of the sun). In the *Magic Flute*, it is the source of Sarastro's power, or so the Oueen thinks, and she wants it. What she fails to understand is that mere possession of the talisman brings no power. It is powerful only as a portal. It is an icon through which we can access what Pythagoras observed, the harmony of the universe which is revealed in and fostered by the predictable interaction of the Sun, Moon and five additional planets in the solar circle. The Sonnenkreis is the *Logos*, the Word at the Beginning. The Sonnenkreis merges two symbols: the Sun and the Circle. The Sun can represent Enlightenment (Truth) and the Circle Infinity.

As this tracing board can reveal, the Blazing Star of Divine Providence at the center of the mosaic pavement of good and evil is reached by climbing Jacob's Ladder with the aid of the angels or messengers of God and the Theological Virtues, all on the ladder's The pathway to Divine rounds. Providence starts at the altar in the center of the mosaic pavement. Thus, the Blazing Star is not just a figure at the center of the mosaic pavement. The center of the floor is the altar: a door to Jacob's Ladder and the climb to Divine Providence



Come to Panama! Home of the San Lorenzo Conclave and the Panama Canal!

By John Bamber, Intendant General for the Division of Panama =

The SAN LORENZO CONCLAVE is honored to be host of the 151st Annual Assembly which will be held June 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2023. This shall be the first time that the Annual Assembly has been held outside of the United States in our long Red Cross history! At our annual meeting, Grand Sovereign Marcos David Ostrander shall preside over our annual business, and we will have fun!

As some may know already, the Republic of Panama was founded in 1903 after seceding from the Republic of Colombia with help from the United States of America and some very ardent locals later to become Panamanians. Panama was formed in order for the United States government to build the Panama Canal, construction of which commenced in 1904. To learn more about our founding, I would recommend Path Between the Seas written by the renowned historian, David McCullough. It is available in either book or audio format. Both are exceptional and available on Amazon! The Canal opened in 1914 and is still very, very active today over 100 years later and a fine tribute to the US CORPS of ENGINEERS! Only a few years ago, the last of the 1.5 horsepower electric motors, used to open lock gates from the Canal's inception, were retired. The entire canal, from the ditch to the motors, was a fantastic engineering feat!

The Republic of Panama today is a representative democracy in a presidential republic. In my eyes it is a Tropical Paradise. The pertinent information about the country is the following.

- 1. Population of Panama is approximately just under 4.5 million people.
- 2. The official language is Spanish with English widely spoken.
- 3. The capital is Panama City where the Annual Assembly shall be held.
- 4. Panama is a United States dollar-based economy with US dollar as legal tender with only coinage known as Panamanian Balboa as equivalent to USD.
- 5. Panama has territorial borders with Costa Rica on one end and Colombia on the other with the Pacific Ocean on one side and the Caribbean Sea on the other. I, ironically, drive between the Pacific and Caribbean sides most days; a drive of about one hour yet I have never to this day taken a dip on the Pacific and on the Caribbean side during the same day!
- 6. Temperature rarely drops below 80 degrees Fahrenheit, day or night in Panama City!
- 7. Excellent private medical care is available in the unlikely case of need with doctors fluent in English!

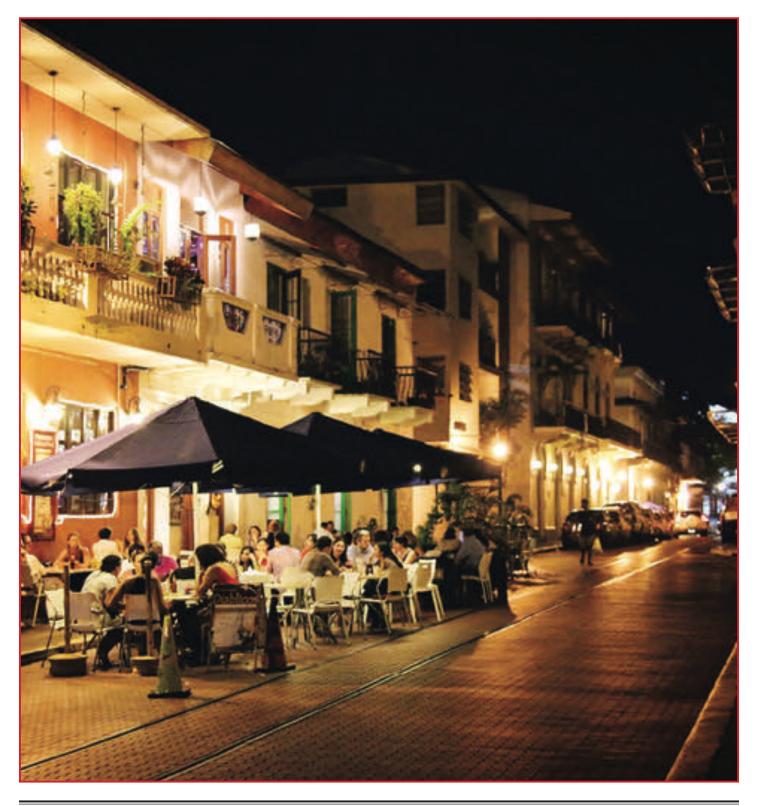




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The 151^{st} Annual Assembly will be held at the Hotel Sheraton I Aloft complex. This location is approximately 20 minutes from Tocumen (PTY) Airport. Transportation to and from the airport is available on your registration form.

Flying to Panama (PTY) is very easy. There are daily flights, in some cases more, from the following origins in the US: New York/Newark, Houston, Miami, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Tampa, Denver, Washington, DC,



Atlanta, Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale (with Spirit Airlines - low cost).

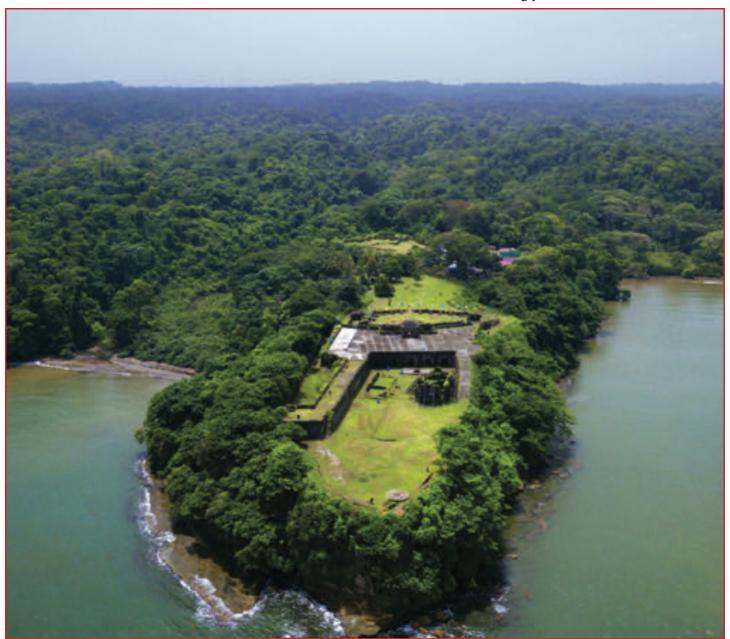
Please do not fly to Panama City, Florida; it actually happens quite frequently!

There are no visa requirements for our visitors from the US. A valid passport is required with a minimum of sixmonth validity from time of arrival to departure. Regarding COVID-19, there is no need to present negative test results, proof of vaccination or a declaration form upon entry to Panama.

Panama City is very cosmopolitan with a myriad of cultures and immigration waves dating back to Spanish exploration and settlement during the 16th Century.

Panama's administrative division has ten provinces and four indigenous regions, including Panama province. Panama City is within Panama province with a population of around 1.5 million people in its metropolitan area. There is very good shopping for the ladies and good restaurants. The UBER ride hailing service is widely available in Panama City.

We look forward to seeing you in Panama this June!



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Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine 151st Annual Assembly Panama, Republic of Panama



Schedule of Events

| 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Registration – S Private Lounge |
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| 5:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Hospitality Room – S Private Lounge – Beverage & Snacks |
| 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Committee on Long Range Planning – Salon Gatun |
| 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Committee on Finance and Accounts – Salon Gatun |

Friday - June 9, 2023

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| 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Registration – S Private Lounge |
| 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Tour to Aguas Claras Locks and Fort San Lorenzo |
| 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Dinner Men and Ladies - Gran Ancon (Casual) |
| 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Hospitality Room – S Private Lounge – Beverage & Snacks |
| 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Nominating Committee – Salon Gatun |

<u>Saturday – June 10, 2023</u>

| 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Recorders and Intendants General Seminar with |
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| | Grand Sovereign, Grand Viceroy and Grand Recorder |
| 9:00 AM – Noon | General Session – Gran Barú |
| Noon – 1:30 PM | Lunch Men and Ladies - Gran Ancon (Casual) |
| 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM | Memorial Service – Gran Barú |
| 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM | Installation of Officers – Gran Barú |
| 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Hospitality Room – S Private Room – Beverage & Snacks |
| 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Social Hour – Lobby of Gran Ancon |
| 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM | Grand Banquet Men and Ladies – Gran Ancon (Formal) |
| 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Hospitality Room – S Private Lounge – Beverage & Snacks |

UNITED GRAND IMPERIAL COUNCIL RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE 151st ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 8-10, 2023

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Deluxe Room \$90.00 USD +10% Tax per night with breakfast included. (Single or double occupancy)
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Hotel Sheraton Grand Panama

Deluxe Room \$115.00 USD +10% Tax per night with breakfast included. (Single or double occupancy)
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Room discounted rates will apply from June 3 until June 15
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63rd Annual Eastern Regional Assembly

The 63rd Annual Eastern Regional Assembly was held at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on the weekend of November 4-6, 2022. In attendance were 165 Knights Companions and 60 Ladies. A total of 35 conclaves from 14 different states, the District of Columbia and Panama were represented with 30 of the 37 conclaves in the Eastern Region present.

Thomas F. Miller, KCC, Chairman, welcomed the 153 Knights Companions and Ladies gathered for the informal dinner on Friday night to start the busy Constantinian weekend at the new venue, the Red Lion Hotel.

On Saturday, Knights Companions from United States Premier Conclave (Pittsburgh, PA), Williamsport Conclave (Williamsport, PA) and St. James Conclave (Shamokin, PA) conferred the work on 24 Senate of Sovereigns candidates, 25 College of Viceroys candidates, 17 Order of the Red Cross of Constantine candidates and 36 Appendant Orders candidates.

Many dignitaries were present, including KC Marcos D. Ostrander, KGC, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, the presiding officer of each of five Grand York Rite bodies, seven Active Members or Deputies of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, fourteen Intendants General, Burch E. Zehner, KGC, PGS; R. Stephen Doan, KGC, PGS, Grand Recorder, and PGM of Masons of CA; David Dixon Goodwin, M.E. Grand Viceroy and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; Stanton T. Brown, II, Grand Senior General and Past Grand Master

of Missouri and Gordon A. Davids, KCC, Assistant Grand Recorder. Also present were Douglas J. Grant, RW Deputy Grand Master, representing MW Robert A. Palazzo, Grand Master of Rhode Island, and Larry A. Derr, RW Deputy Grand Master, representing Jeffrey M. Wonderling, RW Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Following the introduction of dignitaries, Reverend William D. Hartman conducted the annual Necrology Service in memory of 52 departed Knights Companions.

Saturday's Annual Banquet featured The Dave Wilson - Jazz Trio. KC Marcos D. Ostrander, KGC, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, and RW Deputy Grand Master Larry A. Derr, representing Jeffrey M. Wonderling, RW Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, gave remarks.

Tom Miller thanked those who helped to make another successful Eastern Regional: Richard and Mary Balas; Victor and Lorene Crooks; Freeman and Karen Frey; John and Ruth Habel; Mark Haines; Wilmer Hall; Henry and Kathleen Lesher; Ken Seay and Paul Sutcliffe for the Saturday candidate registration; his wife Betty; all degree cast members; and the Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg/Hershey staff.

The 64th Annual Eastern Regional Assembly will be held on the customary first full weekend of November: November 3-5, 2023 at the Red Lion Hotel, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.





Northwest Regional Assembly

The Northwest Regional Assembly was held March 17-18, 2023 in Richland, Washington at Holiday Inn Richland on the River. The region consists of the conclaves in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. During the Saturday session, the Orders of Red Cross, Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Evangelist were conferred, as well as the Senate of Sovereigns and the College of Viceroy degrees. In attendance were the Most Eminent Grand Viceroy, David Dixon Goodwin, and Very Illustrious Grand Senior General, Stanton T. Brown III. Pictured below are some of those in attendance.





Inland Empire installs officers



Inland Empire Conclave installed its officers on December 3, 2022 at the York Rite Temple in San Bernardino. Officers installed were: Sovereign Lee Whelan, Senior General Ronald Alcorn III, Junior General Raymond Davies, Treasurer Stephen Alderete, Prelate William Harmon III, Prefect Harold Kennedy, Standard Bearer David Williams, Herald Michael Schneider and Sentinel: Hank Kraychir. David J. Kussman, KCC and M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment KT USA, presided at the installation. Recorder Gary Miller was not in attendance due to illness. Intendent General Richard Bullard attended the meeting but had to leave before the Installation.

St. Basil Conclave installs new members



On November 19th, 2022, St Basil Conclave of Lafayette Indiana initiated 4 new Knight Companions into the Order.

Pictured Left to Right: Larry E. Gray, Past Intendent General of Indiana, Tony Risner, David Hosler, Scott Sacek, Michael Doxsee, and Neil Welch, Intendent General of Indiana

Alaska Conclave Installs Members

On November 12, 2022, Alaska Conclave installed five new members, including then Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Charles W. Ward IV. Afterward, a festive dinner was held for the Knights Companions in attendance and some of the ladies. Alaska Conclave meets in Anchorage. It was chartered on May 22, 1948 when Alaska was a U.S. Territory.



Front row l to r: Rickhart Rowland, cand., Micheal Reahl, cand., Daniel Sturkie, cand., John Bishop, PS. Jack Clouse, cand., MW Charles Ward IV, cand., Lee Seagondollar

Middle Row: Bruce Kling, Johnnie Wallace, Dennis Oakland, Dale Cain, Nicholas Adair

Back row: Thomas Schram and Harry Koenen



Knights Companions and ladies in attendance at the dinner following the installation.

Tentative Calendar of Upcoming Events in 2023 - 2024

| <u>2023</u> : | | 1-2 September | Convent General, KYCH, |
|---------------|--|----------------|--|
| | 151st UGIC Annual Assembly, Sheraton Grand Panama, Vía Israel y Calle 77 Este | | Embassy Suites, OKC Downtown, Medical Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |
| 21-23 June | Panama City, PanamaDeMolay International, Hilton | X October | 30 th Annual All Ohio Assembly, Springfield, Ohio |
| | Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, OH | 3-4 November | 65 th Annual Eastern Regional Assembly, Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA |
| 14-15 July | 37 th Annual Southwest Regional Assembly, Brown Palace, 321 17 th Street, Denver, Colorado | 18 November | Georgia Statewide Assembly, Tyrian Masonic Lodge # 111, 650 |
| 25-30 July | York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Omni Providence | | Tallulah Trial in Warner Robins, Georgia |
| | Hotel, 1 West Exchange Street, Providence, Rhode Island | XX November | North Carolina Divisional Assembly, Monroe, NC |
| XX-XX July | Great Smokies Summer Assembly of York Rite Masons, Maggie Valley, NC | <u>2024</u> : | |
| XX-XX August | 38 th Annual All-Missouri Divisional Assembly, Kansas | XX January | Tennessee Divisional Assembly, Nashville, TN |
| | City, MO | 7-11 February | AMD Masonic Week, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Crystal City, VA |
| XX-XX August | Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada | 17-21 February | Conference of Grand Masters, |
| XX-XX August | 35 th Annual Joint Assembly of Shiloh and Coeur de Lion | | Weston Seattle, 1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA |
| | Conclaves (Nebraska Divisional Assembly), Kearney, NE | XX-XX March | 38 th Annual Northwest Regional Assembly, Kennewick, WA |
| 20-22 August | Biennial Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, SJ, USA, Washington, DC | 29 March | Good Friday Breakfast, St. Simeon Stylites Conclave, Washington, DC |
| 26-29 August | Annual Session of the Supreme Council, 33°, NJ, USA. | 30-31 March | Grand Encampment Easter Observance |
| | Louisville, Kentucky | 6-8 June | 151st UGIC Annual Assembly DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel |
| XX September | 44 th Annual Oklahoma Divisional Assembly (Oklahoma Triad) | | Syracuse 6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse, NY Syracuse NY |



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