

# YORK RITE CRUSADER



## Governor General's Message



To all Companion Knights and ladies of the York Rite Sovereign College,

On behalf of the Officers, Regents and Staff of the York Rite Sovereign College I extend to you and your families the very best wished for an enjoyable and safe summer months. As Easter is now behind us and we have

celebrated the resurrection of our Blessed Redeemer we look forward to the summer months with all of the activities that come with it. My spring started with the consecration of Corydon College No. 207, located in Corydon, Indiana. I was accompanied by our Deputy Governor General, Right Eminently Distinguished David Walker and the Chancellor General, Right Eminently Distinguished James Patton. What an enjoyable task for all of us and I am sure that the officers and members will make that college one of the strongest in Indiana.

I would personally like to invite all of you to the 56<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, which will be held in Tampa Florida under the direction of Right Eminently Distinguished H. Warren Almand, Grand Governor and his Deputy, Very Eminently Distinguished Richard Agster. They are working very hard to make this General Assembly an enjoyable and productive event. Florida is a great state and the tours that they have planned are excellent. What an opportunity to visit the Ringling Brother Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry. Registration materiel can be found further on in this Crusader. We hope to see you there.

As stated on the web page "The Order of the Purple Cross of York, the highest honor of the College, is conferred upon those members of the College who have distinguished themselves by their service to humanity or to the Rite, The recipients are designated Associate Regents of the Sovereign College, and from their ranks are chosen the Regents or active members of that body." The Order of the Purple Cross will be conferred upon those Companion Knights who were elected at the last General Assembly by an expert team. I congratulate those who will be receiving this honor and I am sure that all will enjoy this presentation.

And finally I would be remiss if I did not mention the "Companion Adept of the Temple" program. Our Education Committee has done an exemplary job in producing and maintaining this program and many of our Companion Knights have precipitated. If you haven't had the opportunity to learn more about this program please visit the Sovereign College web site at [www.yrscna.org](http://www.yrscna.org) to learn more about it. You will be glad that you did.

Fraternally submitted,  
Gerald A. Ford, KG  
Governor General

The York Rite Sovereign College  
of North America  
is pleased to announce that the  
2013 Order of the Purple Cross Class  
is named in honor of our  
Most Preeminently Distinguished  
Past Governor General,  
Edward H. Fowler, Jr.

**Grand Governors Workshop  
Tampa Bay, Florida**

At this years workshop the forms will be discussed, and how the information gathered from them is tabulated and used to help determine the condition of the Order. Grand Governors and Deputy Grand Governors will have a chance to learn their duties and network with present and outgoing Grand Governors to better understand the Order, what is happening in the different jurisdictions and share what works and what doesn't.

**- This is a must attend workshop**

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**INDIANA HOLDS RECEPTION FOR  
ORDER OF THE PURPLE CROSS NOMINEES**

Indiana York Rite Colleges Annual Reception of the College OPC Nominees was held in Indianapolis on November 4, 2012. This annual event is sponsored by the Grand Governor and the Deputy Grand Governors of Indiana.



Pictured L to R: George Ingles, OPC, Grand Master of Masons of Indiana; OPC Nominees - Harold Black, Governor Indiana College No. 55; James Coleman, Right Excellent Grand Scribe RAM; Charles Marlowe, Past Grand Master of Masons for Indiana; Jeff Jordan, Most Excellent Grand High Priest RAM of Indiana; and Grand Governor of Indiana, W. Kris Phillips.

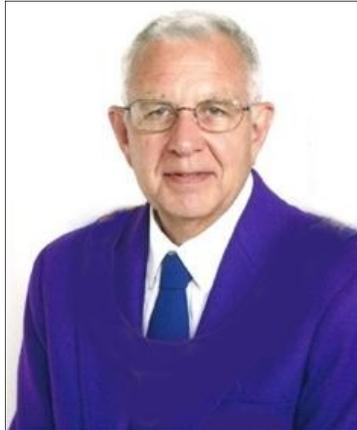
**NIAGARA FRONTIER COLLEGE NO. 77  
TONAWANDA KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 71 RAM  
NIAGARA CHAPTER NO. 200 RAM**



Several members from the above concordant bodies of our beloved Masonry joined together to form a team to perform a Royal Arch Fervency and Zeal presentation given on November 26, 2012. Niagara Chapter No. 200 had requested assistance to make this presentation for the Masonic Brothers at Niagara River Lodge No. 785. Niagara Frontier York Rite College stepped up to the call. It has been a very long time since anyone has witnessed this program if at all in the Niagara District. Niagara Chapter wanted to acquaint our brothers with Royal Arch Masonry in hopes of gaining some applicants. All who participated had a great time and four applications were distributed to interested brothers. Thanks to all for a fun filled evening.

**To all Companion Knights of the York Rite Sovereign College  
of North America.**

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America wishes to express  
its deep sorrow over the death of



**George C. Sellars**

Born - June 23, 1938

Died - February 10, 2013

Most Preeminently Distinguished Brother George C. Sellars, K.C.P.C., Honorary Past Governor General of this Sovereign College and was serving as Regent at the time of his passing.

He was elected to membership in 1977, received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1983.

Served as Grand Governor for the state of Michigan 1992-98, elected a Regent in 1999.

He served as Secretary General and a member of the Board of Directors during 2000-2004, received the Knight Commander of the Purple Cross in 2003, and the honor and title of Honorary Past Governor General in 2012.

His Masonic Career started in 1969 with Composite Lodge #499 F&AM. He held numerous offices in the different branches of Masonry as well as served on various committees.

Most Preeminently Distinguished Brother George was known for his excellent ritual work and his strong enthusiasm for history and education.

His career was characterized by over 34 years in the Public Utility Company in Detroit, Michigan where he served in marketing and management.

Over the course of his employment he earned many awards for his skills in management.

Most Preeminently Distinguished Brother George C. Sellars served in the Army & Navy 1959-62, Instructor & Specialist, Demolition and Water Safety and Instructor in Biology and History.

Most Preeminently Distinguished Brother George C. Sellars is survived by his wife Brenda, their children Barbara Ann Saylor (David Saylor), Paul Sellars (Tammy) and their grandchildren Benjamin, Thomas, and Claire Saylor.

May our heavenly Father have him in his holy keeping,

Soft and Safe to you my Brother, be your earthly bed.

Bright and Glorious be your rising from it.

That which Virtue unites in death may not separate, Amen and Amen.

**YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA  
56<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY - TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA - JULY 25-27, 2013**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Candidate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ College No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's Name (only if attending): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORTATION \* PLEASE LIST DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE**

I will be arriving by: Air \_\_\_\_\_ Car \_\_\_\_\_ Train \_\_\_\_\_ Bus \_\_\_\_\_  
**Arrival:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ AM or PM  
 Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Number \_\_\_\_\_  
**Departure:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ AM or PM  
 Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations with the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel?** Yes\_\_ No\_\_ Date Hotel Reservations made \_\_\_\_\_  
**Reservation made with another hotel?** Please note Hotel \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSEMBLY AND MEAL REGISTRATION**

*\*\* Please specify if Special Dietary needs are required \_\_\_\_\_* No. Requested Total Amount

**Men's Registration Fee** (Only Candidates are exempt) ..... x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday July 25, 2013**

Tour: Ringling Brothers Museum (Lunch is included)..... x \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday July 26, 2013**

K. Y. C. H. Breakfast (Open to all Companion Knights & Ladies)..... x \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Men's Luncheon..... x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tour: Museum of Science and Industry (Lunch is included) ..... x \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associate Regents' Dinner (Open to all Companion Knights & Ladies) ..... x \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladies Entertainment (Available to all Ladies following the Dinner of Associate Regents)..... x \$ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday July 27, 2013**

Candidates' Breakfast (Men only)..... x \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Men's Luncheon (Candidates only) ..... x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Men's Luncheon (Others) ..... x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ladies' Luncheon (Recognizing the Ladies of the 2013 OPC Candidates) ..... x \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Annual Grand Banquet (Please mark choice of entree) Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ ..... x \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Registration: \$25.00 additional per person if postmarked after June 28 (no guarantees)** ..... x \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed (US Funds Only)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check payable to: Robert C. St. John and mail to: Robert C. St. John Email: rob-masons@tampabay.rr.com  
 3704 Kantrael Place Telephone: (813) 685-4638  
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**All registration forms must be received by June 20, 2013. No refunds after July 5, 2013  
 Make hotel reservations with the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel (See hotel sheet for hotel info. & rates)  
 Online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/YorkRiteSovereign> or (402) 592-6464**

**YORK RITE CRUSADER**

**YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA  
56<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY - TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA  
JULY 25-27, 2013**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<u>Date - Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Room</u>	
<b>Thursday July 25, 2013</b>			
	OPC Rehearsal	Pelican	2nd
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	YRSC Office (12:00 - 1:00 closed for lunch)	White Ibis	1st
9:00 am - 9:00 pm	Board of Directors' Meeting (Business suit)	King Fisher	2nd
11:00 am - 6:00 pm	Registration	Convention Office	1st
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Hospitality Room	Cormorant	2nd
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	<i>Tour: Ringling Brothers Museum (Casual dress)</i>	Main Lobby	1st
5:00 pm	Jurisdictional Dinners		
Immediately after Bd. Meeting	Joint Meeting of YRSC Bd/US Charitable Trustees (Business suit)	King Fisher	2nd
<b>Friday July 26, 2013</b>			
	OPC Rehearsal	Pelican	2nd
7:00 am - 9:00 am	K.Y.C.H. Breakfast (Business suit)	Audubon DEF	1st
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	YRSC Office (12:00 - 1:00 closed for lunch)	White Ibis	1st
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Hospitality Room	Cormorant	2nd
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Registration	Convention Office	1st
9:00 am - 11:30 am	Grand Governors/Deputies Workshop (Business suit)	Audubon B	1st
9:00 am - 2:00 pm	<i>Tour: Museum of Science and Industry Tour (Casual dress)</i>	Main Lobby	1st
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Men's Luncheon (Business suit)	Armani's	14th
1:30 pm -	Regents' & Grand Governors' Meeting (Business suit)	Audubon A	1st
Immediately after Reg./Gr.Gov.	General Assembly (Business suit)	Audubon A	1st
3:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Candidate Orientation (Casual dress)	Audubon DEF	1st
Immediately after Gen.Assem.	U.S. Charitable Fund Meeting (Business suit)	Audubon A	1st
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Charitable Foundation of Canada Meeting (Business suit)	Roseate Spoonbill	2nd
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Social Hour	Audubon Foyer	1st
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Associate Regent Dinner/Meeting (Business suit)	Audubon ABC	1st
8:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Ladies Entertainment	Audubon DE	1st
<b>Saturday July 27, 2013- (Tuxedo all day)</b>			
	OPC Rehearsal	Pelican	2nd
7:00 am - 8:30 am	Candidates Breakfast	Audubon DEF	1st
8:00 am - 2:45 pm	YRSC Office (11:30 - 1:30 closed for lunch)	White Ibis	1st
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Hospitality Room	Cormorant	2nd
8:00 am - 1:30 pm	Registration	Convention Office	1st
9:00 am - 11:30 am	General Assembly	Audubon ABC	1st
9:00 am - 11:30 am	Candidates Preparation	Snowy Egret	2nd
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Men's Luncheon - (Candidates)	Audubon DEF	1st
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Ladies Luncheon (Dressy casual)	Armani's	14th
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Men's Luncheon - (Others)	Audubon DEF	1st
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Class Photo	TBA	
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Order of the Purple Cross	Audubon ABC	1st
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Social Hour	Audubon Foyer	1st
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Annual Grand Banquet (White coat or tuxedo)	Audubon Ballroom	1st

~ Rooms and times subject to change ~

**MARVIN L. ISLEY COLLEGE NO. 129  
Shelbyville, Indiana**



On September 22, 2013, Marvin L. Isley College No. 129 inducted five new Companion Knights at the Mount Moriah Masonic Lodge in Anderson, Indiana.

Pictured L to R, **1st Row:** David Willoughby, Secretary; Candidates, Allen Pool, Tom Retherford, Bruce Frazer, Robert James and Gary Dempsey; Robert Frazer, Deputy Grand Governor/IN; and Allen Martinez. **2nd Row:** Don Olvey; Brian Lewis; James Adamson; Duane Stucker; Rod Gardner; Dale Adams, Governor; Mike Smith; and Gary Wyne.

**“Companion Adept of the Temple”**

The Companion Adept of the Temple is a self-study program through the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite of Freemasonry administered by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. This program is offered to any York Rite Mason by enrollment through the Sovereign College office.

The program offers a series of exams focused on the ritualistic, philosophical, and esoteric teachings of the York Rite. The exams include a combination of multiple-choice, true-false, and essay questions pertaining to information presented in the Degrees and Orders of the Rite and/or in the resource materials which are recommended for purchase with the program.

There are five exams included in the curriculum, The first two exams will cover the Chapter Degrees and are styled “The Degrees of the Capitular Rite.” Exam III is titled “The Degrees of the Cryptic Rite” Exam IV covers “The Orders of Chivalry,” and Exam V is titled “The Essential Tracing Boards of the York Rite”.

The enrollment cost is \$30.00. Resource materials which can be used in taking each exam, along with ordering information, will also be listed. Enrollees can purchase these materials to use as a guide for further study in the Rite and in answering the questions provided in each exam. These resources include books which are readily available through Masonic Supply catalogues or as downloadable ebooks, such as Understanding the Royal Arch, Guide to the Royal Arch Chapter, Some Royal Arch Terms Examined, and The Royal Arch, Its Hidden Meaning.

As of this writing there are 310 Companions and Knights enrolled in the program; ten of whom have completed the 5th and final exam.

**2013 CHARITABLE MEETINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**U.S. Charitable Fund**

A Joint Meeting between the Sovereign College Board of Directors and the U.S. Charitable Fund Trustees will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2013 immediately following the Board Meeting in the King Fisher Room of the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel, Tampa Bay, Florida.

The U.S. Charitable Fund will meet in the Audubon A Room immediately following the General Assembly on Friday, July 26, 2013 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel in Tampa Bay, Florida.

**Charitable Foundation of Canada**

The York Rite Sovereign College Charitable Foundation of Canada will meet at 3:00 pm on Friday, July 26, 2013 in the Roseate Spoonbill Room at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Tampa Bay, Florida.

**2013 Annual General Meeting  
and “Governor General’s Luncheon”**

Greetings. The Board of Directors of the York Rite Sovereign College Charitable Foundation of Canada encourages you to actively promote, support our charitable works for the benefit of registered Canadian York Rite Charitable Organizations.

The 2013 Annual General Meeting of the York Rite Sovereign College Charitable Foundation of Canada will take place from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, Wednesday, August 14th, at the Radisson Edmonton South Hotel, 4440 Gateway Blvd, Edmonton, Alberta. Canadian Regents, Associate Regents and Companion Knights are voting members of the Foundation. This event is being held in conjunction with the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada. A “Governor General’s Luncheon” for Companion Knights and their Ladies at a cost of \$30.00 per person will follow the AGM. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available from the Foundation Secretary, David G. Walker, 5130 Elliott Sideroad, Midland, ON L4R 4K3. Cheques should be made payable to the Foundation and marked “2013 Tickets.”

With your continued support, and that of Companion Knights of the 26 York Rite Colleges of Canada, the York Rite Sovereign College Charitable Foundation of Canada made grants in 2012 to:

Grand Lodge of NF & Labrador Masonic Park	\$1,000.00
Cryptic Rite Charitable Foundation	\$1,000.00
Knights Templar Charitable Found. of Canada	\$1,000.00
Grand Imperial Conclave Charitable Found. of Canada	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$4,000.00

**ASHMOLE COLLEGE NO. 108  
Montgomery, Alabama**



*Pictured L to R: The new Companion Knights - Phil Pelham, Robert Tyler; Jerry Ogletree and Robert Kelly.*

On January 11, 2013, following a well attended Fellowship Dinner, the Companion Knights of Ashmole York Rite College No. 108 welcomed four new Companion Knights. During the regular business meeting, the Grand Governor of Alabama, Right Eminently Distinguished Brother James C. McGee, presented Preeminent Companion Knight Sterling Hughes, PGM, with the Joseph D. Brackin Award as the number one College in Alabama, along with their certificate for once again, being named an Honor College by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America at their 55th Annual General Assembly.

**Governors!** Keep in mind that if your College would like to nominate your College Secretary for the Secretary of the Year Award, please request the nomination form from the Sovereign College Office or visit the website. All nominations forms are due back in the Sovereign College Office by July 01, 2013.

Should your College Secretary become sick, or otherwise disabled, please delegate the responsibility to a pro-tem appointment to ENSURE compliance with **Section 110 (A) page 32** "Every York Rite College shall submit concurrently to the Secretary General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and to the Colleges Grand Governor its Annual Returns, Financial Report, Activities Report, and such other reports as may be required from time to time, in and on the forms specified, to be received in the Sovereign College Office no later than July 1 of each year." and **Section 6 (I) page 18** "A nominee to receive the Order of the Purple Cross of York shall not have his nomination approved by the Board of Directors if the Annual Return and Financial obligation of the College of which he is a member are not received at the Office of the Secretary General by July 1 of that year. Failure to comply nullifies your OPC nominations." Please ensure that your college complies with all the above.

**Attention Grand Governors & Secretaries**

Please ensure that all Order of the Purple Cross Nominations are submitted on the correct form (dated at the bottom 2/08). Any nominations received on the previous forms will be returned to the Grand Governor.

OPC Nominations will not be considered without an Annual Report. All OPC Nomination Forms, Service Award Nominations as well as the Annual Returns are due in the Detroit Office by July 1, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sovereign College Office.

**NORTHEAST TENNESSEE COLLEGE NO. 153  
Johnson City, Tennessee**



Northeast Tennessee York Rite College No. 153 held a Ladies Night and Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the Kingsport Masonic Lodge in Kingsport, Tennessee. The ladies of SOOB Assembly #244 served a chicken cordon-bleu dinner to all those in attendance (44). Six Master Masons, who were recommended by their district chairman and a committee of the College were presented Gold Honour Awards for their outstanding service to their Blue Lodges and communities by the Governor John Kerr and Past Grand Governor Richard W. Burow. Pictured L to R: Brian Tanner, Johnson City, TN, Dashiell Lodge #238; Danny Crum, Afton, TN, Beershaba Lodge #449; Jimmie Hilton, III, Chucky, TN, Unicoi Lodge #681; John Kerr, Governor of College No. 153; Jack Pippin, Kingsport, TN, Kingsport Lodge #688; Murlice, Carpenter, Surgoinsville, TN, Clay Lodge #386; and DeWayne Worley, Johnson City, TN, Sinking Creek Lodge #575. Entertainment was provided by Hannah Harvey, Professional story teller provided entertainment telling stories of early times in this area. All enjoyed her program.

**Thursday & Friday Tours  
Tampa Bay, Florida**

**All Tours will meet in the Main Lobby on the 1st floor. Please remember lunch is included with both tours.**

**Thursday Tour - Ringling Brothers Museum  
Cost \$70.00 Lunch is included**



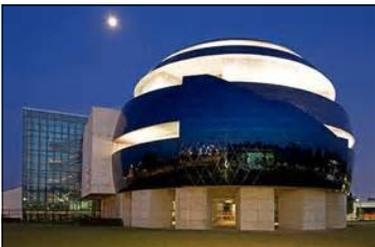
An all-day tour of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, including the Circus Museum. It is rated a "GEM" by AAA Tour Book, and is situated on a 66 acre tract of land on which the museum was erected, done in Italian Renaissance style. The Museum of Art features over 10,000 objects that include a variety of paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, photographs, and decorative arts from ancient through contemporary periods from around the world. View the collection of masterpieces by the great Old Masters including Rubens, Van Dyck, Velázquez, Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese, El Greco, Gainsborough and more. The courtyard includes many renowned sculptures from the Chiurazzi Foundation and a bronze cast of Michelangelo's David. The Courtyard features two fountains—Fountain of Tortoises, one of three replicas from the Piazza Mattei in Rome, and the Oceanus Fountain, copied from the 16th century original by Giovanni Bologna in Florence's Boboli Gardens.



The Circus Museum celebrates the American Circus, its history, and its unique relationship to Sarasota. View colossal parade and baggage wagons, calliopes, costumes, posters, and lots of other circus memorabilia. Also on exhibition in the Circus Museum is the 'Wisconsin', the private rail car of John and Mable Ringling, built in 1905.

Please be in the main lobby of the hotel by 8:00 AM to board the buses for this tour. If needed, wheel chairs are available on site and there is tram service between the different buildings. When you arrive at the museum you can choose which area you would like to tour. In order to have the lunch which is included with this tour, you will need to be at the Trevosi Restaurant by 11:00 (dessert and gratuity are included). You will also need to be at the bus pickup area at 3:30 pm, buses will start boarding to take us back to the hotel, this area is just across from the Museum Store and Café. We will return to the Hotel by 5:30 pm.

**Friday Tour - Museum of Science & Industry (Tampa) MOSI  
Cost \$50.00 Lunch is included**



Experience a scientific playground of over 450 hands on activities in the largest science center in the southeastern United States! Brave extreme weather conditions inside Disasterville, an exhibition on the science behind tornados, hurricanes wildfires and much more. The Gulf Coast Hurricane allows guests to experience the impact of 74 mph hurricane force winds. You can enter into an engineered ecosystem in the Bio Works Butterfly Garden and view over 30 different kinds of free flying butterflies. The

Amazing You is an exhibition of the human body from DNA to organs. You can take in an astronomy show in the Saunder's Planetarium and gaze into the starry nighttime sky. See the Verizon Challenger Learning Center, part of an international network of centers established by families of the Challenger crew. This living memorial to the crew of the shuttle Orbiter features a space vehicle and a mission control in which guests assume roles of astronauts and engineers at 12 interactive work stations. Our Place in the Universe: an exhibition on space flight and beyond; focuses on space exploration and astronomy as well as technological advances in aviation.



Included with this tour is your lunch, and you also have a choice of one of two IMAX movies "Flight of the Butterflies" or "Sea Monsters Revealed".

Please be in the main lobby of the hotel by 9:00 AM to board the buses for this tour. Lunch at the MOSI is at the Café, you will be given a voucher for a meal and you will have the choice of one of four meals. We will board the buses for our return at 2:00 PM, and be back to the hotel by 2:30 PM.



This years hotel for our 56<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel.



**Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel**  
2900 Bayport Dr., Tampa Florida 33607  
Telephone: (813) 874-1234

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**York Rite Sovereign College of North America**  
**July 25-27, 2013**

**Online Res.: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/YorkRiteSovereign>**  
**Telephone Res.: (402) 592-6464 (mention York Rite Sovereign)**

**Reservations:** <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/YorkRiteSovereign> or by calling the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay Hotel at (402) 592-6464. To ensure you receive the group rate, please specify that you are with the York Rite Sovereign College. All Reservations must be received with a 1st night deposit or be guaranteed by a major credit card.

**Rate: \$114.00 plus applicable taxes per night (US Funds)** Double or King Special room rate is available until **June 20, 2013** or until the group block is sold-out whichever comes first.) When making reservations by phone, please mention York Rite Sovereign College to receive the special room rate. The special room rate is available from **July 21 to July 30** for those wishing to extend their stay.

445 spacious guestrooms, with stunning views. Guestroom amenities include signature Hyatt Grand Beds, Oversized work desk, Iron/iron board, Coffee maker, and much more. Hotel services include 24-Hour business center, Concierge, Gift Shop, 24-Hour Stay Fit gym, and an Outdoor pool are some of the features of this hotel.



Perfectly located, our Tampa Bay Florida hotel is just minutes from the airport, downtown, beaches and more. 35-acre AAA Four Diamond luxury hotel is set along a wildlife preserve on the upper shores of the Bay. Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay offers a unique retreat with Nature Trail, Wildlife Estuary and shopping nearby.

**Transportation to and from Hotel:** For those who are flying to the Assembly, please utilize the Tampa International Airport (5 min. away). Complimentary shuttle to and from the hotel is provided, courtesy phones marked Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay located in any baggage claim area. Available 5 AM to 1 AM daily.

Departs hotel every half hour. Shuttle Service also available to and from International Plaza (shopping). See guest services for daily times.

**Driving directions to the Hotel — From the south/St Petersburg/Sarasota:** I 75 to I 275 North. Exit Highway 60 West/ Clearwater/Tampa International Airport/Veterans Expy. Follow signs for 60 West/ Clearwater. From 60 West, exit onto Bayport Drive. Follow exit road underneath the overpass. Straight onto Bayport Drive. **From the north/downtown Tampa/ Orlando:** I 275 South. Exit at Highway 60 West/Tampa International Airport/Veteran's Expy. Follow sign for 60 West/Clearwater. From 60 West, exit at Bayport Drive. Follow exit road underneath the overpass. Straight onto Bayport Drive. **From the north via Veteran's Expressway:** Veteran's Expressway south toward Tampa. Exit 60 West/Clearwater. Exit onto Bayport Drive. Follow exit road underneath the overpass. Straight onto Bayport Drive. **From the West/Clearwater:** Take State Road 60 East toward Tampa. Take the Bayport Drive exit. Turn right at the stop sign onto Bayport Drive. For those who are driving complimentary self parking is available, valet parking \$12 for overnight stays or \$8 daily. Open surface lot parking for RV's and oversized vehicles is also available.

**LEGISLATIVE CALL**  
**Tampa Bay, Florida - 2013**

The following two recommendations to change the Constitution and By-laws of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America were received by the Board of Directors and were approved to be referred to the Regents and Grand Governors with a recommendation for approval at their next Meeting on July 26, 2013.

A. **Amend Section 107, A, Candidates which now reads.** "Membership in a York Rite College is by invitation of the College, and such invitation shall only be issued after unanimous approval of all members present at a regular assembly of the College or a special assembly called for that purpose. No candidate can be elected and Knighted on one and the same day. Any member in good standing may propose a candidate for invitation. An invitation to membership shall remain in force for a period of one year after its approval, unless rescinded by a majority vote of the members present at a regular assembly. Upon the expiration of the year or the rescinding of the invitation, any fees paid by him to the College shall be refunded. At any time thereafter, any member in good standing may again propose him as a candidate for invitation, and the same procedures followed as for a new proposal. (7/76)

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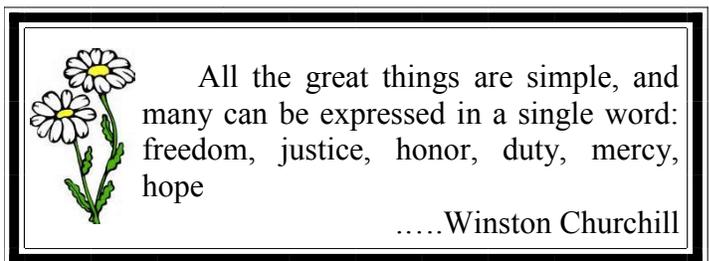
B. **Amend Article V, Section 1 which now reads.** "The YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA may elect, from among its Associate Regents, not to exceed forty (40) who shall be designated Regents. The Regents shall be the voting members of the YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA and must be elected by unanimous vote of the members present and voting at the General Assembly, or a Special Assembly of the YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA called for that purpose, except that Grand Governors and Grand Governors at Large, during their term of office, are also be entitled to vote.

**Amend to add the underlined language and it would read as:**

A. "Every candidate of a York Rite College must be a member in good standing of a Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter, Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Commandery or Preceptory of Knights Templar, and who are actively engaged in working for the York Rite; except that in the States of Virginia and West Virginia having received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master in a Royal Arch Chapter shall be deemed the equivalent of Council membership. Membership in a York Rite College is by invitation of the College, and such invitation shall only be issued after unanimous approval of all members present at a regular assembly of the College or a special assembly called for that purpose. No candidate can be elected and Knighted on one and the same day. Any member in good standing may propose a candidate for invitation. An invitation to membership shall remain in force for a period of one year after its approval, unless rescinded by a majority vote of the members

**Amend to delete the above underlined language and it would read as follows:**

"The YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF North AMERICA may elect, from among its Associate Regents, not to exceed forty (40) who shall be designated Regents. The Regents shall be the voting members of the YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA and must be elected by unanimous vote of the members present and voting at the General Assembly, or a Special Assembly of the YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE OF NORTH AMERICA called for that purpose.



**ROSE PETALS...** It begins with an invitation. An invitation to join an organization dedicated to the study of the Masonic arts, parts and points, the mentorship of Masonic students and the enhancement of Freemasonry. It is a school of mystery that teaches that Freemasonry is not a material object to be held in one's hand but a science of the soul to be cherished and yearned for. More succinctly, it can be compared to a classic treasure hidden to the uninitiated and uninformed. A prize that is hidden in plain sight.

The idea that a York Rite Masonic College exists to achieve the goals and objectives already stated should be prized by every Masonic student invited to become part of it. This college is not or should not ever be considered a Masonic entity that has only ritual and ceremony as its core function.

One may ask what is special about this college when compared to Blue Lodges, Research Lodges, York Rite Bodies, etc.? I think the main distinction lies in that the College is seen as...TRANSFORMATIONAL. By transformational, I mean that it is a high caliber institution that builds the temple of human nature, its blueprints pointing to repairing imperfect knowledge, interpreting the designs of mankind and assisting in pointing towards the journey to the ultimate Divine Degree in that Celestial Lodge above.

It is a fundamental part of human nature not only to survive and reproduce, but also to seek explanations for the mysteries of life. Symbols and the rituals that produce them grow in meaning and complexity over hundreds of years, changing or morphing according to their cultural context.

We as Masons in the bodies of the Royal Arch, Cryptic Masonry and Knights Templar mold the landscape of the York Rite whether we know it or not. What looks at first to be another moralistic degree scattered with bits and pieces of symbolism, is much more. Within the Masonic trenches each degree resolves itself into patterns, recognizable to the Mason that opens his mind and conscious to architecture, philosophy, and scriptural interpretation. Companion Knights of the York Rite Colleges are adept in recognizing the fact that much more than meets the eye lies beneath the surface of our majestic Masonic tapestry. We immediately discern and recognize that the York Rite system is something deeper than a code of elementary morality. It slowly whispers to those who painfully listen that it is a blueprint to the wonders of Freemasonry and another spiritual piece to our own internal evolution.

The gates of our Masonic Colleges can only be opened by invitation. Every college should be considered an educational quarry which represents the limitless powers of natural resources. They are symbolic of an endless field of human opportunity. It is here as the dawn breaks, where man patiently gathers the cubes, or rough ashlars. Here is the temple in which each Mason can begin to use tools to perfect and true his own stones. And through his labors and sincerity we extend congratulations to Masons who have dedicated themselves to a path of intellectual prowess who may decorate and adorn their internal Lodges with the ornaments and jewels of grace and knowledge. Hopefully, a step closer to enlightenment...or is it?

Let us be clear. Enlightenment must be earned by personal dedication to an enlightened code of conduct. It is a conceptual mistake that we assume that all Companion Knights will be enlightened by these degrees. Enlightenment is a journey within our Masonic Arts and Sciences that may take a lifetime to recognize or may not happen at all. Enlightenment is earned through a complete regeneration of character and conduct. It is a by-product of our Order and reserved for the most liberated of souls.

Every Mason's educational competence in our Order should be at the very top of every leaders list of priorities. Freemasonry might not be as instantly rewarding to the reader as the average guru's guide to spirituality that you can buy in a bookstore. The study of Freemasonry is a focused act that must be studied and peeled back to expose the wonders it conceals. To most companions, the Royal Art is not supposed to be an easy read or an effortless discovery. Nor, are any of our Degrees or Orders supposed to enlighten the average Mason or allow him to sail through effortlessly without a moment of pause of inner contemplation or self-reflection.

Only through time, spiritual enlightenment and the defeat of self-ignorance can the true student go beyond the mundane exoteric trappings of our Masonic ceremonies. It is the esoteric arts that hide valuable secrets in their concealed recesses that we need to examine closely, and when identified, to enjoy and to consume.

It should be noted that Freemasonry offers us a philosophy of the spiritual life of man and by the advancement through the many degrees the Mason is regenerated each time. Freemasonry therefore, becomes a vital life factor, rather than a mere pleasurable appendage to social life.

Each of our York Rite Colleges are mentoring factories that can and will dispense more light onto the student that searches for it. They are trusted sources who can help Masons learn more about the fraternity, leadership skills and their own self development. It is about building a strong relationship between the College and the Mason. It is about enhancing self-worth, promoting new ideas, and sharing success stories.

The Mason has sworn that every day he will extract from life its message for him and build it into his temple. He seeks to learn the things which will make him of greater service in the Divine Plan, a better instrument in the hands of the Great Architect. The true brother of the Craft knows and applies one great paradox. He must search for the high things in lowly places and find the lowly things in high places.

As a Mason, it is one of our duties or aims attached to the privilege of belonging to this fraternity to endeavor to enter into the full heritage of understanding and practicing the system to which we belong.

It rests within ourselves whether Freemasonry remains for us what upon its outward and superficial side appears to be merely a series of symbolic rites, or whether we allow those symbols to pass into our lives and become realities within.

Companion Knights, with an intense thirst we must continue to study and venerate our lessons and rituals that provide undercurrents towards the brilliant. We as College members and leaders must always be role models and exemplify those lessons outside the College which are inculcated within. Behold, the light is bright! Behold, the light beckons!

**- By George E. Weil, Regius No. 86 & Thumb Butte No. 158**

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**A FEW REMINDERS FOR ALL  
COLLEGE SECRETARIES & GOVERNORS...**

If your college receives any type of notice from the IRS, please send it directly to the Sovereign College Office. The Auditor for the York Rite Sovereign College prepares the 990 for all the Constituent Colleges - **PLEASE DO NOT FILE A 990 FOR YOUR COLLEGE.**

When submitting an article or photo for the Crusader, this can be done thru email or regular mail. Do not submit photos which have been reproduced on a copy machine or send photos via fax. The picture is distorted and will not print correctly.

Orders can be sent to the Sovereign College thru email, fax, or regular mail. We ask that members contact the Secretary of your college to place an order. Please remember, due to the preparation for the General Assembly, all orders and Gold Honour Award Nominations will be filled in date order, if time permits, between June 1 - August 1, 2013.

All By-law amendments, must be submitted on the proper forms and include the signature (approval) of the Grand Governor of the Jurisdiction. If the amendment is not on the proper form and does not have the approval of the Grand Governor it will be returned to the college.

**FUTURE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES  
OF THE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE**

- July 25-28, 2013 ..... Tampa Bay, Florida
- July 30 - August 2, 2014 ..... Denver, Colorado
- July 29 - August 1, 2015 ..... Louisville, Kentucky

If you are interested in hosting the General Assembly of the York Rite Sovereign College, please contact the Detroit Office for more details.

**MEMO TO GRAND GOVERNORS**

As Grand Governor, you are an essential member of the Committee of the 'Study of the Condition of the York Rite Sovereign College'. The Chairman, R.E.D. Bro. David Hardie carefully reviews your visitation reports, and your annual reports to formulate his overview.

Please ensure that you have filled out and sent a copy of your Grand Governor Visitation Report on each College in your jurisdiction and forwarded it directly to David P. Hardie, 328 Brewery Ln., Orillia, ON L3V 7H6 as well as to the Detroit office, along with your written Annual Report, which will be printed in the proceedings. IT IS OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE to all of us that your report be completed and submitted to the Detroit office on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Nominations for the Order of the Purple Cross Class of 2013, Secretary General's Award and the Sovereign College Service Award must be in the Detroit Office by July 1, 2012, accompanied with complete justification for all nominations.

Please review Section 6 of the Regulations for the Government of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in its entirety (pages 16, 17 & 18). ALSO, instruct your College Secretaries to forward you a copy of their annual returns, financial report and activities report at the same time they send it to the Detroit office (Section 110, page 32). This will eliminate incomplete, late or missing reports and avoid disappointment of a deserving Companion Knight.