

York Rite Crusader



GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Companion Knights and Distinguished Brethren:

Well here it is another Crusader and my turn to write another article. Not one of my strong suites so please bear with me. As the summer and fall months have come and gone we are about to celebrate the birth of our Blessed Redeemer. Putting the commercialism aside let us remember the true meaning of Christmas and do our utmost to make this world a better place for all. Love one another and if each of us practice the virtue of this important task imagine what a wonderful world we would be living in. I realize that man has had differences since the beginning of time and that a true world of peace is most likely not an option. However if each of us practice of doing to one another as we wish them to do unto us what a better world we would be living in.

I would like to wish each of you and your families a very Happy Holiday Season and a very Happy and Successful New Year.

As mentioned elsewhere in this Crusader 2014 Annual Assembly of this York Rite Sovereign College will be held in Denver on July 30th through August 2nd. I certainly hope that you can attend and enjoy the beauty of the Rocky Mountain Region. We are planning trips to the Air Force Academy and the United States Olympic Headquarters both in the

Colorado Springs area. Our General Chairman is hard at work to make your stay with us a memorable one and one that you will remember for years to come.

Again, wishing you and yours a very Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

Gerald A. Ford, KGCY
Governor General



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It is deeply appreciated and we thank you for your continued support.

**Deadline for the Articles for
the Spring Issue of the Crusader is
March 13, 2014**

**Complete Registration Material
for the 2014 General Assembly to be
held in Denver, Colorado
will appear in the next issue
of the Crusader. Please be sure to
register early.**

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**KNIGHTS OF YORK COLLEGE NO. 150
Long Beach, California**



On November 10, 2013, Long Beach York Rite College # 150 conferred the Knight of York Degree for the first time in many years; some say that it was the first time in 24 years. The cast members were very satisfied with the results when they conferred the degree on 7 new candidates. Long Beach York Rite College #150 has initiated 22 new members in 2013. The College practiced one to two times a month prior to the degree.

Chuck Schubert, Preeminent Governor

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



Five new Companion Knights were inducted in our College on September 28, 2013 at Fairland, Indiana.

Pictured L to R, **1st Row:** Robert Addington; David Lovell; James Castor; C. Brian Gregory; Steven Taylor, **2nd Row:** David Willoughby, Secretary; Brian Lewis, Primate; Mike Smith; Gary Wyne, Marshal; Robert Frazer, Deputy Grand Governor . **3rd Row:** Duane Stucker, Treasurer; Don Olvey, Seneschal; Carl Culmann, Deputy Governor; Thomas Fallis; James Adamson, Chancellor.

Christmas

Stop – Seek – Glorify

By Rev. Robert J. Cave. Primate General

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him ‘Emmanuel,’ which means God is with us.” (Mt. 1:23)

The Incarnation is announced and we know the rest; birth – life – death –and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our salvation.

It is interesting to note the reaction of the shepherds and the wise men (Magi) to the birth of Jesus. We are told in Luke 2:8 “In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.” They said to one another “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which has taken place.” (Lk 2:15) The shepherds stopped their normal activities of tending their sheep because they wanted to grasp this wonderful thing that had happened. A Savior was born, salvation was promised and the magnitude of all this was earthshaking. They had to stop all of the activities they were engaged in to grasp it.

The second thing we note they did has to do with seeking. The shepherds said to one another “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which has taken place.” Matthew’s Gospel informs us that at the time Jesus was born “Wise men from the east came to Jerusalem asking “Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews?”” (Mt 2:11) They, along with the shepherds found it necessary to seek God. It is true that God is always seeking us first but there is reciprocity involved. Jesus said “I stand at the door and knock – if the door is opened I will enter.” There is a necessity on the human side to also seek God.

And finally, the shepherds and the wise men had the necessity to glorify God for the great thing that had happened. Luke states “The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.” (2:20) Matthew states that when the wise men entered the house where Mary and the infant Jesus was “they knelt down and paid him homage.” (2:11) Surely this is the only reaction to the Good News of the gift of salvation – glorifying God and giving him the praise.

Advent and Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year. Lights begin to make their appearance on homes and in shopping centers, parties are planned and attended, gifts are purchased and exchanged with loved ones, families congregate and there is generally a good feeling among people everywhere. But the challenge for many Christians is in the midst of all this merriment to keep the spirit of Christmas alive in their hearts. It is possible to pass over the Good News of Christ’s birth. They have heard the story of the baby Jesus in the manger since they were little children. The story has become commonplace. There seems to be nothing new involved so Emmanuel is passed over. How is the wonderment of the baby in the manger – God with us – to be renewed? Perhaps the answer is to do what the shepherds and the wise men did. STOP –SEEK –AND GLORIFY GOD.



KNIGHTS OF YORK COLLEGE NO. 150
Long Beach, California



Members of Long Beach York Rite College No. 150 gathered together on Thanksgiving Day to help support of Veterans at the Long Beach Veterans Rehab Center by serving them a holiday meal. Over 450 meals were served to our veterans. This has been a yearly event sponsored by the Masonic Service Association of North American and is supported financially and physically by many different Masonic groups.



Long Beach York Rite College # 150 will be supporting the same veterans on Christmas Day. What a wonderful way to start the holidays!



During the month of September 2013, members of Rosemead York Right College No. 110 and Long Beach York Rite College No. 150 presented a miniature sword to Shawn Solorio, Master Counselor of Huntington Beach, CA DeMolay, during the "DeMolay sword and squire presentation."

The ceremony was quite unexpected and impressive as the members of the DeMolay Chapter were introduced to the lecture of the sword of a Knight Templar.

Pictured left to right: Wayne Caverly (Chapter Dad), Eminent Commander Steve Bass, York Right College #110, Shawn Solorio (Master Counselor), SK Chuck Schubert, Pre-eminent Gov York Right College #150, SK Peter Goetz, York Right College #150.

Iowa York Rite College No. 37
Confers Third Degree



The members of Iowa York Rite College No. 37 assisted Specialis Procer Lodge #678 in Des Moines confer the Master Mason on Bro. Troy Williams.

FUTURE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES
OF THE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE

July 30 - August 2, 2014 - Denver, Colorado
July 29 - August 1, 2015 - Louisville, Kentucky

If your Jurisdiction is interested in hosting a General Assembly please contact the Sovereign College Office at 500 Temple Ave., Detroit, MI 48201
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Illinois College No. 15 finds ways to stay Active and Relevant Chicago, Illinois



Illinois No. 15 is home to Chancellor General James W. Patton, OPC, of Downers Grove, Illinois. If tradition continues, he will serve as Governor General for the 2016-2018 term.

“Every officer has a responsibility to see to it that his College remains functional and active, and there are many ways to do that,” said Grand Chancellor Patton. “It also helps to frequently remind ourselves that the well-being of the York Rite is an individual responsibility that was an implicit part of the obligation we assumed when we accepted the privilege of College membership.”

The photo is from October 29, 2013, when the College welcomed five new members from three different York Rites. Visit the College’s website at: <http://www.chicagoyorkrite.org/college/>. Note: because it is an invitational body, the College’s Facebook site is currently a members-only closed group.

As one of the largest and most active Colleges in North America, Illinois York Rite College No. 15 continues to use a variety of techniques to keep itself functional and supportive of the York Rite Bodies in the Greater Chicago area.

Regional meeting venues: To avoid monotony and accommodate the fact that local members are spread over a wide geographic area that affects travel time and gas expense, the College rotates its four meetings per year to suitable Masonic facilities and good restaurants that members and their ladies find convenient and enjoyable.

Maintain on-line presence: With the rise of social media including Facebook, more members are getting their information about Freemasonry over the Internet, and so it has proven beneficial to maintain an active web presence so that both older and newer members know what is going and where their effort and attention should be directed.

Proactive fiscal stewardship: With the weak economy and financial challenges confronting so many Masonic bodies, the College has put in place prudent fiduciary and investment policies to safeguard its fiscal health in perpetuity, including setting the petition fee at an adequate but still level and appointing a qualified audit committee.

Semi-annual Knight of York degree: The College confers the Knight of York degree more than once per year whenever possible, which enables busy candidates to have a better chance of receiving the degree in a timely fashion and provides officers and cast members the opportunity to stay more familiar with the degree than they otherwise might.

Confer under-conferred degrees: Some of the most under-conferred degrees in full form in the York Rite are the Red Cross and Malta in the Commandery and Super-Excellent degree in the Council, and so the College maintains a slate of experienced cast members who periodically confer these degrees at various locations on behalf of those bodies.

Stay active in local York Rites: Fulfilling its mission to support the York Rite, the College’s officers and members, particularly new members, are admonished that membership is not simply a reward for past effort or another title to collect, but an acknowledgement of the expectation that they will remain active in their York Rites over the long term.



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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 please contact the Secretary of your college to place an order.

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.

Attention Grand Governors & Secretaries

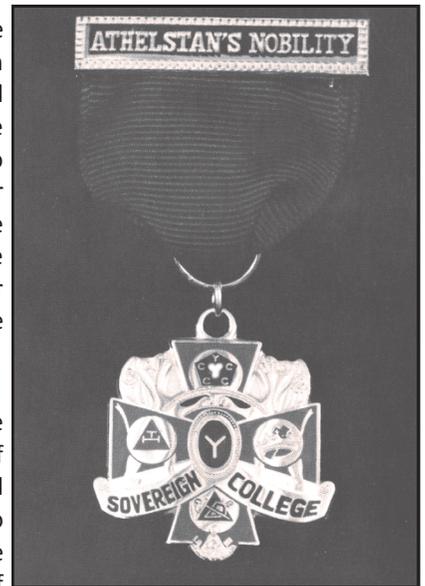
Please ensure that all Order of the Purple Cross Nominations are submitted on the correct form (dated at the bottom 2/08) any nominations received on the previous forms will be returned to the Grand Governor.

Just a reminder, Annual Returns are due into the office prior to submitting the Nominations.

All OPC Nomination Forms are due in the Detroit Office by July 1, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact the Sovereign College Office.

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It was Created by the York Rite Sovereign College Charitable Fund to be presented to those Companion Knights who contribute \$250.00 or more to the York Rite Sovereign College Charitable Fund U.S.A. or the Canadian Charitable Foundation.



Both Funds are endowment funds. All of the interest and dividends are available to be used to support the established charities of the York Rite. Your donation is tax deductible.

For members in the U.S.A. please send your donation to the York Rite Charitable Fund U.S.A. at 500 Temple Ave., Detroit, MI 48201.

For members in Canada send your donation to the Canadian Charitable Foundation through the Secretary, David G. Walker at 5130 Elliott Sideroad, Midland, ON L4R 4K3.

If you are interested in the Sovereign College's new Education Program entitled Companion Adept of the Temple, Please note that complete information and the enrollment form can now be found on our website at www.yrscna.org