

York Rite Crusader



GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Companion
Knights and
Distinguished
Brethren:

Greetings –
December is a special
time of year for all
people. It signifies the
end of the old and an
expectation for the
new. It is the count-
down for the
completion of our
year's projects in
order to make room
for what is yet to

come. It is also a time to reflect on what we have accomplished with our lives thus far and an opportunity to think, plan and aspire to achieve the new goals which we will set for our lives in the coming New Year.

Life is a journey! It has a beginning, a middle and an end. We have no control over the beginning or the end. Where ever you are in that middle part, set your course on making a difference, the higher the aspiration, the higher the achievement!

In our culture December is a time of giving gifts. I ask you to consider a gift to our York Rite Sovereign College Charitable work.

December brings Christmas, the Celebration of the birth of our Blessed Redeemer. Our Masonic activities slow down as we become involved in the preparations for this marvelous event. In the midst of this hustle and bustle, be sure to open your heart and mind to the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that His Advent brought to all. Save a little quiet time to dwell on the true meaning of this celebration. Take some personal time to share this love with family, friends, neighbours and indeed, your fellowman.

My wish for you at this time is: Harmony in your relationships; Peace of mind in your daily journeys; and God's blessings for you and yours.

Merry Christmas and Health and Prosperity in the New Year.

Fraternally,
David G. Walker, KGCY
Governor General

“Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes in to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands, and hopes we've learned something from yesterday.”

...John Wayne, 1907- 1979, Actor, Freemason



Charitable Donation Received

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acknowledges with thanks a most
generous donation from the

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United States of America for the
Royal Order of Scotland***

*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, 2015**

**Complete Registration Material
for the 2015 General Assembly to be
held in Louisville, Kentucky
will appear in the next issue
of the Crusader. Please be sure to
register early.**

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Immanuel

I was sitting at worship on the first Sunday in Advent and part of the service was devoted to the lighting of the Advent Wreath. Each succeeding Sunday in Advent would be devoted to lighting an additional candle representing some of the feelings elicited by the birth of Jesus such as hope, joy, etc.



I thought about some of the feelings people had back when Jesus was born and wondered if they were any different than ours are now concerning His birth. We are told by Matthew that Herod was troubled when he heard the news of the birth. Mary herself was troubled and afraid when the angel told her that she would bear the baby Jesus. After the angels had told the people all that they had heard and seen they marveled (astonished, filled with surprise and wonder). Perhaps a better word would be mystified. However the overwhelming emotion then was JOY and PRAISE. The wise men whom Herod had summoned and sent in search of the baby Jesus rejoiced with exceedingly great joy when they saw the star above the new born child. The shepherds we are told glorified and praised God after they had seen the child.

As we approach Christmas perhaps for most of us the overwhelming feeling that we have in our hearts is joy and praise as was the case with the shepherds. We have joy in our hearts because the gift of God’s Son is proof of his love for us and this can only result in praising this loving God. Knowing that God loves us can bring hope in any situation in life in which we may find ourselves. Knowing that God is with us (Immanuel) we can always live victoriously knowing that we can overcome all that we may be facing. As Saint Paul writes in Romans 8, “We are more that conquerors through Him who loved us (for nothing) shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

So as we approach Christmas Day let us be filled with JOY, “for there is born to us this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord.” And let us PRAISE Him for this great gift.

Rev. Robert J. Cave Primate General



KNIGHTS OF YORK COLLEGE NO. 150 Long Beach, California

SHARES THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

Knight of York, York Rite College No. 150 helped support the Long Beach Veterans hospital by volunteering to help prepare and feed over 500 veterans and volunteers at the Cabrillo location.

Members of the College were eager to help support this program again on Thanksgiving Day as well as on Christmas Day.

The College supported the Veterans program for the first time in 2013 and decided to make it an on-going event.

The season of giving begins...



It is 6:30 in the morning. It is dark outside with a parking lot full of parents and children. WalMart in Huntington Beach, CA opens early along with McDonalds to support the Clothe the Children program. This year over 155 children were treated to breakfast before beginning their journey of shopping for shoes, pants, shirts, jackets for the winter and maybe a little toy for themselves or a special gift for a family member.

Volunteers from local community groups, Knight of York York Rite College No. 150 and Kiwanians from Huntington Beach, California were there to help serve

breakfast and to aide in helping the kids try on shoes and assist in final decisions concerning size and color. Each child is given a credit of \$100.00 to shop for any clothing items they wish. After shopping, the children were delighted to see a surprise visit by Santa himself.

Members of York Rite College No. 150 donated money to support this program and several volunteered to escort the children around the store. It was a wonderful experience and is a great way to get into the holiday spirit.



2014 ONTARIO REGIONAL ASSEMBLY
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario



The Ontario Region held their first Regional Assembly on September 20, 2014 at the Masonic Temple in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. This was an auspicious and historical event as it was the first Regional Assembly in the history of the Jurisdiction. The event was hosted by International College No. 63 in Sault Ste. Marie.

A formal banquet took place in the evening with our ladies in attendance.

At this event the full Order Knight of York was conferred on three candidates by a team consisting of members from nine Ontario colleges. The rehearsal of the ritual among the participating colleges proved to be a useful exercise in standardizing the

ritual and improving the conferral of the Order. Costuming for the second section was provided by Holy Rood College No. 66 from Victoria Harbour, Ontario.

At the assembly we had the pleasure and honour of having a large contingent of Sovereign College officers and Regents in attendance.

Front row pictured left to right: V.Em.Dist.Bro. Thomas G. Janes, Herald General; R.Em.Dist.Bro. Donald F. Kline, Member of the Board; R.Em.Dist.Bro. James W. Patton, Deputy Governor General; M.Pre.Dist.Bro. David G. Walker, Governor General; R.Em.Dist.Bro. George B. Fairbairn, Grand Governor of Ontario; V.Em.Dist.Bro. Paavo E. Liukko, Deputy Grand Governor Ontario North; Pre.Em.Comp.Kt. Richard McCutcheon, Governor International College No. 63.



This event provides an excellent opportunity for our colleges to socialize together, portray the full Order Knight of York in an exemplary manner, and is a forum for sharing our resources in order to strengthen our colleges in particular and York Rite masonry in general, in our respective jurisdictions.

The Ontario Region plans to make this assembly an annual event, and to invite sister jurisdictions outside Ontario to participate. If you are interested or have any questions, feel free to contact the Grand Governor of Ontario, Right Eminently Distinguished Brother George B. Fairbairn OPC.

Fraternally submitted by International College No. 63, Bryan Slingsby, Secretary

Nine Candidates Receive the Order Knight of York at the 2014 Northeast Regional Assembly



Nova Scotia College 132 was the host of the 2014 NE Regional Assembly held at Truro, NS on September 13, 2014. Nine candidates from Nova Scotia College 132 and Royal Valley College 165 received the Order Knight of York conferred by a degree team made up of representatives of the colleges of the Region. The cooperation between the regional colleges to make the presentation of the Order noteworthy and enjoyable for all in attendance is an example to be emulated. Costuming for the second section was provided by The Hiram Chapter of Royal Arch Masons domicile at Truro - another example of the level of good will that exists between the various Masonic bodies in the area.

This year the Host was very pleased to have Most Preeminently Distinguished Brother David G. Walker, Governor General in attendance along with the three Regents, five Grand Governors from the colleges in the Northeast and the Grand Governor of Ontario.

This Regional assembly continues to provide an opportunity for sharing of ideas and strengthening fraternal relations between the colleges and Brethren. We look forward to Maine in 2015.

Fraternally submitted,
John Dollimont

**IOWA COLLEGE No. 37
Members Participate in Veteran's Day**



Several members of Iowa College No. 37 participated in a Veterans' Day ceremony at the WWI memorial in Des Moines. The ceremony was organized by Most Illustrious Kurt M. Hoffman, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Iowa. Also participating in the ceremony were members of a local Boy Scout troop and members of the Patriot Riders.

Iowa College No. 37 shows Masonic Unity



Iowa College No. 37 participated in the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Memorial Service on November 9th. Shown with Illustrious Sir Jim Hunt, Potentate are Companion Knights Tom Megel, Duane Wachter, Ron Hicks and Grand Governor David Dryer.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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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 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.

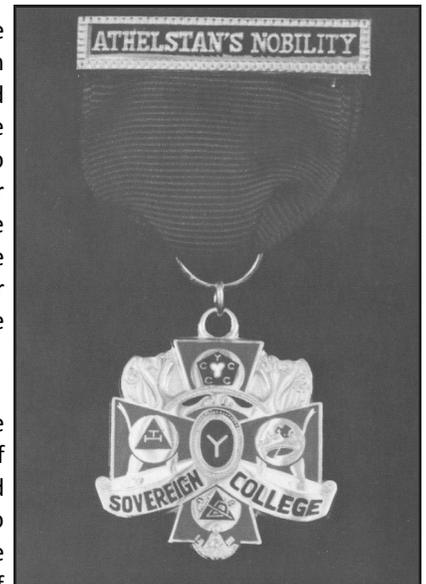
Just a reminder, Annual Returns are due into the office prior to submitting the Nominations.

All OPC Nomination Forms are due in the Detroit Office by July 1, 2015. 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 Education Program entitled Companion Adept of the Temple, Please note that complete information and the enrollment form can be found on our website at www.yrscna.org