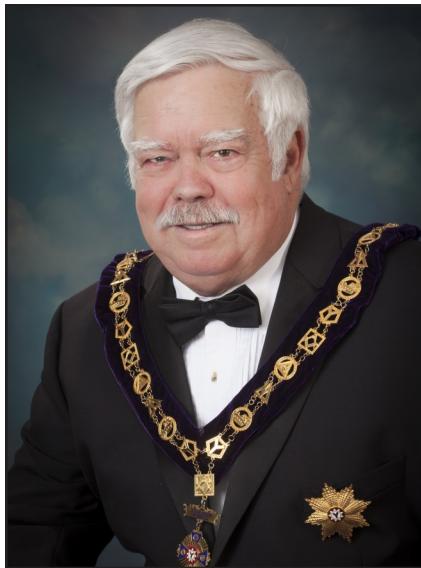


# York Rite Crusader



## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Companion Knights and Distinguished Brethren:

Greetings – December brings Christmas, the Celebration of the birth of our Blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ. 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.

In our culture Christmas is a time of gift giving. I ask you to consider a gift to our York Rite Sovereign College Charitable work. Both our US Charitable Fund and Canadian Foundation issued Income Tax Receipts.

New Years is a special time of year for all people. It signifies the end of the old and an expectation for the new. It is 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 we 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 will be the achievement!

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

KGCY, Governor General

Life is full of ups and downs. It is easy to lose hope and confidence. This little story helps us to realize that no matter what happens, we remain valuable as individuals.

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He then said, "I am going to give this \$20 bill to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "well," he replied, "what if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. "now who still wants it?" Still the hands went up in the air. "My friends, no matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

You are special - Don't ever forget it!



## Charitable Donation Received

The York Rite Charitable Fund U.S.A. acknowledges with thanks a most generous donation from the

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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, 2016**

**Complete Registration Material  
for the 2016 General Assembly to be  
held in Vancouver, British Columbia  
will appear in the next issue  
of the Crusader. Please be sure to  
register early.**

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**CHRISTMAS - 2015**

In an ever-changing and often fearful world the message of Christmas and Christianity remains constant and never changing. It is a message of HOPE.



Hope trusts in God no matter what problem the world is facing collectively or the individual is facing singly. The birth of Jesus takes place against the backdrop of monumental problems. Yet the message it radiates is not only joy, peace and happiness but also hope in their midst of the problems. Luke 2:25 states "Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him." Simeon was waiting and believing. There is no question that this was hope based not on the denial of the problems that were facing Israel and its people but upon the God who became incarnate in the Christ Child

As we face the problems of the day whether it be the world economy, or the threat of terrorism or problems in our individual lives let us wait with expectancy knowing that God will never abandon us for he has come to us in Christ Jesus our Lord and that is the basis for our hope.

The old Hymn, "My Hope Is Build" expresses this thought.

"My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus name."

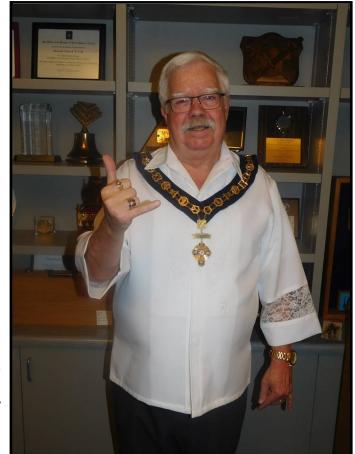
On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
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I pray that we all will have a joyous, hope filled Christmas.

Rev. Robert J. Cave,  
Primate General

**GOVERNOR GENERAL DAVID G. WALKER VISTS  
HAWAII YORK RITE COLLEGE NO. 164  
Honolulu, Hawaii**

It was our great pleasure to host on Thursday evening, October 22<sup>nd</sup> M.Pre.Em.Dist.Bro. David G. Walker, Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. He presided over a Special Assembly called by the Preeminent Governor of Hawaii York Rite College No. 164, Justin McNeal who then presented Gold Honour Awards to Past Governors Nicholai Khiterer and Gerhart Walch and a special plaque to Past Governor Keith Isaacson. Newly appointed Grand Governor Cletus Ching of Hawaii received the Grand Governor's pin. Diamond Awards were presented to Carol Connell and Sylvia Ching. A sumptuous home cooked dinner was provided by the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America (LOSNA) and the Social Order of the Beauceant (SOOB) to 21 Companion Knights—including Past Governors Cletus Ching, Father John Connell, Monty Glover, Jon Haig, James Malczon, Gerhart Walch, Arnold Winters, Tim Yuen, Nicholai Khiterer, and Keith Isaacson, 16 ladies were also present at this dinner. The dinner was preceded by a message delivered by the Governor General and followed by a series of toasts to the ladies, to Father John Connell PGM, and many others. A four page program was artfully prepared by Gerhart Walch PG which included a welcoming letter and list of all 40 members of the Hawaii York Rite College No. 164.



To the top right photo, Governor General Walker stands in our Masonic Temple Library giving the "shaka" sign famous in Hawaii as a friendly greeting. The shirt he wears is the classic Hawaiian Wedding shirt worn at all meetings instead of the standard continental USA tuxedo, in consideration of our equatorial climate and deep roots in contemporary Hawaiian culture (Hawaii is the home of the only Masonic lodge which has had as Masters two reigning monarchs, and is the oldest lodge west of the Mississippi). The next photo to the right is of the Governor General and Hawaii York Rite College Governor Justin McNeal in the foyer of the Honolulu Masonic Temple with the American and Hawaiian flags on permanent display. More photos are available on Gerhart Walch's [Facebook](#) pages.

Hawaii College serves the needs of all Hawaii York Rite bodies by providing guidance and when needed participation in their rituals conducted throughout the year. In 2014, it provided a leadership seminar for all Hawaii York Rite bodies' officers about 35 of whom attended. It holds regular business meetings four times a year.

By all accounts it was a most enjoyable evening!

From Hawaii, greetings to all our Masonic brothers around the world. As with all Free and Accepted Masons you have a standing invitation to visit all of our "blue" lodges, and as appropriate any of our affiliated organizations.

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**Rainier College No. 54 Honors with Diamond Award**



On November 6th, Distinguished Brother Anthony Schwab, Governor of Rainier College No. 54, presented Diane Osborn and Linda Roblee with Diamond Awards.

This is in recognition of their many honors in support of Palestine Commandery. The ladies were pleasantly surprised and very appreciative of the recognition they were given.

**PENTAGON YORK RITE COLLEGE NO. 62**  
**Tampa, Florida**

Companion Knight Dean Sever (member Pentagon York Rite College No. 62) and his lady Linda (who is a member of SOOB) are involved in Therapy dog work. One of the things they do with their two registered Therapy dogs is serve as volunteers at CW Bill Young VA Hospital in Bay Pines as Masonic Service Association volunteers where they take the dogs into the VA nursing home and hospice units and elsewhere in the facility when directed to visit residents.

Pictures attached are the Severs with their two Therapy Dogs (Amber and Belle) doing a presentation on Therapy dog work at a recent stated communication of



Elmer O. Smith Lodge 307 in Pinellas Park, Florida. The Master put the lodge at ease and "invited us and other guests of the Brothers" in to hear about this ministry. "We are currently also taking our dogs twice a month to a youth reading program at the Pinellas County Library where youth who are having reading problems read to the dogs. We also have taken our dogs into the local hospitals, Alzheimer units and nursing homes. We have been involved in therapy dog work for about 10 years" Dean reported.

**KNIGHTS OF YORK COLLEGE NO. 150**  
**Getting in the Spirit**

The holiday period started off for Knight of York York Rite College No. 150 in Huntington Beach, California when members decided to support the annual "Clothe the Children" project on December 5, 2015. Members made financial donations and voted on supporting this event once again where gifts and clothing are selected by each child in need of such supplies. The children arrive early and are treated to breakfast, which is provided by the local McDonald's. After breakfast, volunteers meet the kids and escort them around Walmart with gift certificates. This gives the kids a chance to select clothing,



shoes, pants and other necessary items for their school year.



Over 150 children ranging in ages from 3 years to the age to teenagers were presented a \$100 gift card to do their shopping.

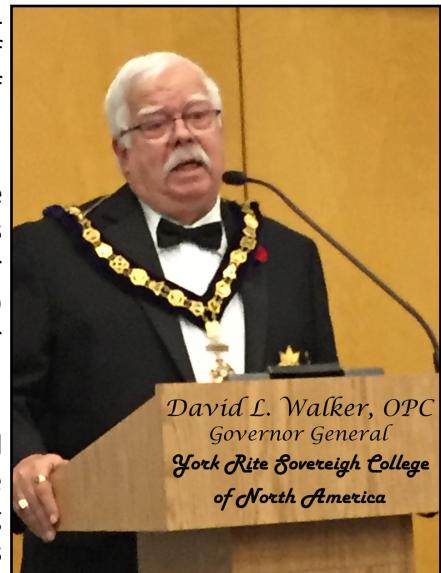
After each child chooses the clothing they want, they then can choose a gift for a family member with the left over money. Members of York Rite College No. 150 also served as volunteers who helped the children select the necessary items needed on their list.

**2015 INDIANA'S ANNUAL RECOGNITION BANQUET**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**

Indiana Grand Governor W. Kris Phillips held the ANNUAL RECOGNITION BANQUET on November 1, 2015 at the University of Indianapolis. The event is to Honor the Order of the Purple Cross recipients of the class of 2015 and the class of 2016 for all of the Colleges in Indiana.

The event was well attended with OPC's and their ladies, they were treated to an excellent buffet. After dinner Grand Governor W. Kris Phillips introduced all of the distinguished guests present including the Deputies for Indiana, Robert J. Frazer, OPC, and D. Keith Hattabaugh, OPC. Regent Phillip E. Fowler, OPC; Regent in Kentucky, J. William Riggs; and Deputy Governor General, James W. Patton, all received a strong applause of respect.

Grand Governor Phillips then introduced Most Preeminently Distinguished Brother David G. Walker, Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Grand honors were afforded and he proceeded to bring fraternal greetings and an outstanding inspirational message which illustrates the virtue of York Rite Freemasonry.



To the Left; pictured Left to Right, **Front Row:** Indiana Regent, Phillip E. Fowler; Grand Governor of Indiana, W. Kris Phillips; Governor General, David G. Walker; Deputy Governor General, James W. Patton; Kentucky Regent, J. William Riggs. **Second Row, L to R:** David C. Willoughby, OPC, Secretary College 129; Larry J. Williams, OPC, College 73; Deputy Grand Governor, Robert J. Frazer, OPC; Deputy Grand Governor, D. Keith Hattabaugh, OPC; Robert Ellis, College 121; Michael D. Gillard, OPC, College 55; and Earl W. Adam, OPC, College 129. **Third Row, L to R:** Dennis H. Rigsby, OPC, College 133; MWPGM, George A. Ingles, Jr., OPC, College 129; Max E. Maupin, OPC, College 55; MIGM Michael C. Stoner, College 72; John A. Bridgegroom, OPC College 73; Terry L. Kehrer College 207; and Chawn E. Caniff, OPC, College 121.

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**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.

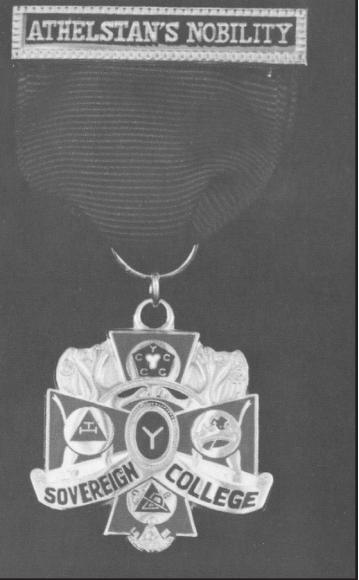
Just a reminder, Annual Returns are due into the office prior to submitting the Nominations.

All OPC Nomination Forms are due in the Detroit Office by July 1, 2016 no exceptions will be made. If you have any questions, please contact the Sovereign College Office.

### ATHELSTAN NOBILITY JEWEL

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](http://www.yrscna.org)