



The Byzantium

United Grand Imperial Council - Red Cross of Constantine

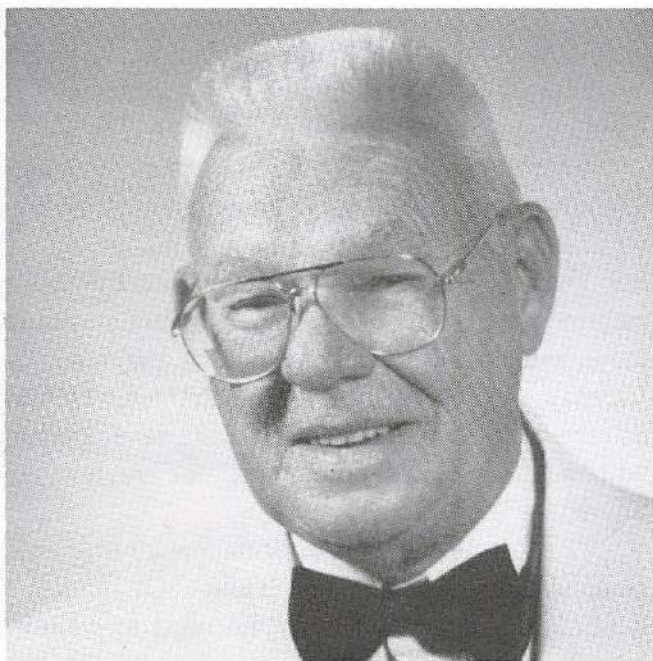


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The Grand Sovereign's Message



Knight Companion James S. De Mond, KGC

Knights Companions:

I would first reiterate my personal thanks to the delegates at Tulsa, Oklahoma who elected me to the office of Grand Sovereign.

My remarks here will be more in the vein of operations management than conceptual leadership. Perhaps you may induce something of the latter from the former.

There are areas of concern to the officers and various committees. We shall discuss some of these concerns. As a pilot project a Committee on Legal and Related Matters is hereby created to advise conclaves, upon their request, in contractual and other matters. Knight Companion Warren D. Lichty, Grand Senior General, will chair this committee. Similarly, a Committee on Insurance and Related Matters is

hereby created to advise conclaves, upon their request. Knight Companion Gary D. Hermann, Grand Junior General, will chair this committee.

We have begun to explore the idea of a mid-winter luncheon in the Tampa, Florida area for Knights Companions and their ladies from all conclaves in the United States who winter in the south. There may be an initial, exploratory effort in late January 2000 if your responses indicate sufficient support to warrant the effort. Elsewhere in this issue there is an announcement; also a request for winter addresses. Our computer can carry both addresses.

We, regrettably, must inform you of the death of Knight Companion Grover Travis Halbrooks, Illustrious Grand Senior General of this Order on May 9, 1999, shortly before the Annual Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vir Jean and the family.

We must, also regrettably, inform you of the passing of two of our Past Grand Sovereigns. Knight Companion Joseph C. Bryan, III, KGC, passed away on August 15, 1998 at Glen Burnie, Maryland; and Knight Companion J. Willard Register, KGC, passed away on April 24, 1999 at Columbus, Georgia. We extend to the bereaved families and friends our sincerest condolences.

The loss of Knight Companion Halbrooks necessitated the election of two Knights Companions to the progressive line. They are: Knight Companion Thomas W. Jackson of Pennsylvania as Illustrious Grand Chancellor and Knight Companion Curtis N. Lancaster of Utah as Illustrious Grand Almoner. Both of these distinguished Knights Companions have been serving in their Divisions as Intendants General and will bring much wisdom and experience

to their new duties.

Additionally, Knight Companion David O. Johnson, KGC was elected Trustee Emeritus. After years of distinguished service as Grand Sovereign and then as Trustee, he has accepted emeritus rank. Our order is the richer for his service. Knight Companion James M. Ward, KGC was elected a Trustee for the term 1999-2002.

An interesting dialogue has been ongoing between Knights Companions Richard B. Baldwin, Reese L. Harrison, Jr., Donald Swanson, KCC and Rex R. Hutchens about one (or more) of the arabic and/or Latin or Greek words used in our ritual. Now we all know them to be erudite scholars so we can all look forward to a mutually agreed to statement of correct terminology, say along about next June at our Annual Assembly in Indianapolis.

Of special note: based upon the comments by the Intendants General in the 1998 survey on the subject of balloting procedures currently in use throughout the United Grand Imperial Council, a study group is hereby formed from among the officers, Past Grand Sovereigns, Jurisprudence and Long Range Planning personnel with the Intendants General, and any interested Knight Companion for that matter, to report back with ideas designed to restructure the many and varied methods now in use.

This year, several Intendants General retired after years of distinguished service to our order and were officially recognized as Past Intendants general:

C. L. Whitfield	Guam
K. Maynard Curts, KCC	Kansas
Ronald H. McDonnell	Ohio Southern
Donald M. Stamy	Iowa

We thank them for their service.

To carry on in these divisions we have appointed:

Frederick F. Dunsmoor	Guam
Carveth K. Neer	Kansas
John V. Cooper, Jr.	Ohio Southern
Glen E. Holmes	Iowa

To the ranks of Intendants General we have appointed:

Robert B. Bailey	At Large
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along with two who carry on from previous appointments:

Robert O. Ralston	At large
C. Fred Kleinknecht	At Large

whom we all know as the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Supreme Councils, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, respectively, of the USA. Knight Companion Bailey is known to most of us as a Past Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America and now trustee of the Shrine and of their Childrens' Hospital Program.

We continue to stress the value of Divisional and/or Regional Assemblies. As I remarked at Tulsa, these offer greater possibilities for new ideas and broadened fellowship. Knight Companion Wendell Patch, Intendant General in Oregon, who was missed at Tulsa due to health problems, developed an excellent position paper on this subject which is available to interested Knights Companions. He would be pleased to mail it to you.

Throughout 1998 the Intendants General submitted some 50 ideas, comments, etc., on what we might analyze to further fine tune the activities of our order. Examples include developing an informational packet for the new member and his lady; and an additional packet for the incoming Viceroy to prepare him for his term as Puissant Sovereign. These are currently being developed and will be made available, first for review and ultimately for usage.

Packets with added information for Intendants General were distributed at Tulsa. Of interest to Recorders and Treasurers is the need to submit a completed financial statement each year. We now must maintain a file of such information for the several tax bodies when such information might be requested. Copies go to the Grand Recorder, Intendant General and a file copy in the Conclave records.

Our Illustrious Grand Treasurer, Knight Companion Sam E. Hilburn, KGC, will undertake a study of methods by which we might establish a charitable foundation in which we may each severally participate. I consider this a most worthwhile endeavor.

Another new project, to be chaired by Knight Companion Thomas W. Jackson, Illustrious Grand Chancellor, and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education and Research, will be to collect and catalogue the histories of the several Conclaves which comprise the United Grand Imperial Council.

Several have already been submitted. So dust off the old minutes, photocopy them and mail them to Knight Companion Jackson.

In 1999, two Conclaves, St. George of Duluth, Minnesota and Mary of Kansas City, Missouri will celebrate their centennial on October 13, 1999. In the year 2000, St Augustine Conclave of Topeka, Kansas will celebrate 100 years on June 2, 2000. In the year 2001, St. Peter Conclave of Helena, Montana will celebrate 100 years on July 16, 2001. There are no centennials in 2002. In the year 2003, three Conclaves will celebrate their centennials: St. Joseph Conclave of St. Joseph, Missouri; St. Andrew of Joplin, Missouri and Couer de Lion of Omaha, Nebraska, all on May 8, 2003. There are no centennials in 2004 or 2005.

We intend to establish a file of biographies of officers and Intendants General with photographs. Perhaps we can feature several in each issue of The Byzantium. Please, those of you designated, send the requested information and photograph to the Grand Recorder's Office.

The Eastern Regional Assembly, the grand daddy of them all, is scheduled for November 5-7, 1999 at the Holiday Inn, Grantville, Pennsylvania, Knight Companion William E. Yeager, Jr., KGC, Chairman. This is always a great weekend. Try to be there.

The Northwest Regional Assembly is scheduled for March 17-19, 2000 at Richland, Washington. Wendell Patch, Intendant General in Oregon is Chairman.

Our long suffering editor, Knight Companion Fred Kleyn has appealed to all for articles and photographs of Red Cross activities. Surely the Divisional or regional Assemblies can yield much information and photographs, add names where possible. All Conclaves must be able to contribute as well.

While on this subject, please note the advance registration news and registration form for the 2000 Annual Assembly in Indianapolis to be found elsewhere in this issue. The Committee would appreciate as many early bird reservations as possible.

Again, my profound thanks for the opportunity to serve our Constantinian Order.

Ego autem in medio vestrum sum sicut qui ministrat.

Knight Companion James Stewart De Mond, KGC

James S. De Mond was born January 4, 1924 at Coldwater, Michigan, the son of Raymond J. De Mond and Beatrice G. Stewart De Mond. He grew up there, completed his schooling and graduated from Michigan State University in 1948. He did graduate work at MSU 1948-1951. He married the former Patricia Ann Bullis on September 4, 1948 and they have two children: Camille M. Pond and Derek P. De Mond

KC De Mond worked for 26 years with one nationwide trucking company, retiring in 1976 as a corporate director. He immediately went to work as the Executive Secretary of the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne. He has been active with the business division of the United Way and the Boy Scouts of America, serving as an Assistant Scout Master and as a major gifts fund raiser. He is a member of, and is active in, Trinity Episcopal Church of the Anglican Communion.

KC De Mond was raised on August 15, 1948 in Morgan Park Lodge No. 999 of Morgan Park, Illinois in the Chicago area. He is now a member of Wayne Lodge No. 25 of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He served Wayne Lodge as its Master in 1975 and served as a Trustee of the Masonic Temple Association from 1971 to 1985. He served the Grand Lodge of Indiana as a member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home in 1975-76 and was a member of the George Washington Commission through May 1987. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near Indiana, received the Grand Lodge Meritorious Service Award in 1976, the Caleb B. Smith Medal of Honor in 1993 and the Delmar D. Darrah Medal of Honor of Arts & Crafts Lodge of Illinois in 1993..

In the York Rite, KC De Mond was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Oak Park Chapter No. 244 on October 1, 1958 and served as its High Priest in 1964. He now belongs to Fort Wayne Chapter No. 19. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama near Indiana.. He received the degrees of Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master in Oak Park Council No. 93 in 1958-59 and served as Illustrious Master of Fort Wayne Council No. 4 in 1971. He was knighted in Siloam Commandery No.

54 near Chicago in 1958 and served as its Eminent Commander in 1962-63. He is now a member of Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4 of Indiana. He served the Grand Commander of Illinois as Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Standard Bearer in 1963-65. Upon his business transfer to Indiana in 1967 he became active with the Grand Commandery of Indiana, progressed through its line and served as Grand Commander of Indiana 1975-76. He received the Grand Commander's Distinguished Service Award in 1987, served as the Grand Representative of Michigan near Illinois 1963-65 and serves as the Grand Representative of South Carolina near Indiana. He has served as a Grand Trustee since 1990. He is a member of Gennesaret Tabernacle XVII Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and was Preceptor 1980-81. He has served Grand Encampment as Chairman of the Committee on Ritualistic Matters 1976-79 was a member of the Committee on the Easter Breakfast. He served as East Central Department Commander 1991-94 and as Chief of Staff to Most Eminent Grand Master Blair C. Mayford 1994-97. He was made a Knight Commander of the Temple in 1991 and serves as the Indiana Co-Deputy. He also holds the distinction of a Knight York Grand Cross of Honour and served as Prior of Indiana Priory No. 8 in 1990-91.

KC De Mond is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Indiana being made a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in November 1958. He was coroneted a 33° Scottish Rite Mason in 1978. He served as Commander-in-Chief of Fort Wayne Consistory 1979-80; as Assistant Executive Secretary of the Valley of Fort Wayne 1976-80 and as Executive Secretary 1980-1993. He served the Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction, on the Committee on Membership development 1986 to date and received its Distinguished Membership Award in 1991. He belongs to the Royal Order of Scotland and has served as Indiana State Secretary since 1993. He was Grand Guard of the Provincial Grand Council for the USA in 1995.

KC De Mond was installed in St. Hilary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in 1974 at Fort Wayne and was its Sovereign 1985-86. Since then he has served as its Recorder. He was elected Illustrious Grand Almoner in 1994 and proceeded through the ranks of the Grand Officers to his Installation as

Grand Sovereign in Tulsa in June 1999.

KC De Mond has been a member of Mizpah Temple of the Shrine in Fort Wayne since 1971. He has served as Ambassador for Imperial Sir Robert B. Bailey in 1995 and was, for several years, a member of Court 27 of the Royal Order of Jesters in Fort Wayne.

Additionally, KC De Mond holds the DeMolay Legion of Honor and serves on the Board of the Indiana DeMolay Foundation. He is a member and Past Sovereign Master of Pokagon Council No. 147, Allied Masonic Degrees. He is a member of Indiana College of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, receiving the IX Grade in 1998 with his appointment as the Fifth Grand Ancient. He is a member of Illinois York Rite College No. 15, received the Purple Cross of York in 1972, served as a Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America 1976-95, a member of the Board of Directors 1976-79, was Charter Grand Governor of Indiana 1976-79 having brought the York Rite College to Indiana.

KC De Mond is a member of National Sojourners and the Heroes of '76.

SUNNY SOUTHLAND ADDRESSES WANTED

To the Knights Companions and Ladies who winter in the sunny southland:

Grand Recorder Ned E. Dull, KGC requests your winter address to enable him to keep open a line of communication.

KC Name: _____

Winter Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Would you attend a "snow bird" luncheon with the ladies in the Tampa area in late January 2000? Yes ☐ No ☐

Nebraska Regional Assembly

Nebraska held its Annual Joint Assembly of Coeur de Lion and Shiloh Conclaves on August 28, 1999 at the Riverside Inn, Grand Island, Nebraska.

The following United Grand Imperial Council Officers were in attendance: James S. De Mond, KGC, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign; Warren D. Lichty, Jr., Very Illustrious Grand Senior General; Gary D. Hermann, Very Illustrious Grand Junior General; Ned E. Dull, KGC, Right Illustrious Grand Recorder.

Also in attendance were: KC Stanton T. Brown, KGC, Past Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign; KC Carveth K. Neer, Intendant General, Division of Kansas; KC Donald R. Swanson, Past Intendant General, Division of Nebraska; KC Keith J. Herbster, Intendant General, Division of Nebraska and KC Marvin Berger, Chairman of the Annual Assembly of the United Grand Imperial Council to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana in June of 2000.

In the morning the consecration of Viceroy elect was accomplished, followed by the coronation of Sovereigns elect. In the afternoon the grades of the Order were conferred in the following order: Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, Order of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, Order of Novice & Knight of Saint John the Evangelist. There were seven (7) candidates. The last two grades of the Order were conferred in full regalia, which has been provided to the Division of Nebraska by Past Intendant General KC Donald R. Swanson. The conferrals were followed by a formal banquet in the evening, at which there were 84 in attendance.

Sunday morning a devotional service was held prior to the Knights Companions departure for their homes.

SQUARE & COMPASS EMBLEM DEDICATED GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL

by Richard B. Baldwin

Through the efforts of MW Donald M. Robey, in his capacity as the then Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Executive Committee, an immense set of square and compasses was recently erected at the Memorial. Thought to be the largest such set in existence, the concept is to advertise the purpose of the Memorial, not only to passers by but also to people in the airplanes landing at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport approaching or departing in a southerly direction.

The dedication was a most impressive event with

up to 1,000 in attendance. The first Virginia Regiment of the Colonial Line was present to add luster to the occasion and there was a memorable procession of all the distinguished dignitaries in attendance. This included the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, State and City elected officials, Officers of the Association, more than twenty Grand Masters of Grand Lodges across the Country and the personal representatives of half a dozen more, as well as the heads of many of the National Masonic bodies, or their representatives, of which I was privileged to represent the Red Cross of Constantine.

MW Edgar N. Peppler, PGM of New Jersey and President of the Association, greeted everyone and explained the purpose of the distinctive emblem being dedicated. The Grand Lodge of Virginia, led by its Grand Master, MW George H. Chapin, conducted the dedication ceremony in true Masonic fashion. There were introductions, musical selections by the world renowned U.S. Army Band. The festivities were concluded with a really fine fireworks demonstration.

It was a great day to be a Mason!

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

On July 9th, in Tucson, Arizona, the annual assembly of the Knights Companions of the Southwestern Region was held. It was a gala event, ably put together by KC Verne L. Hegge and KC Michael Atchley.

Headquarters for the event was the DoubleTree Hotel in Tucson. The weekend began with a reception on Friday evening. Saturday morning the orders were conferred: the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine by San Diego Conclave, the Order of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre by Tucson Conclave and the Order of Knight of Saint John the Evangelist by Arizona Conclave of Phoenix. Following lunch with the ladies, the Viceroy-elect were consecrated by Bonneville Conclave of Utah and the Sovereigns-elect were coroneted by Desert Paradise Conclave of Las Vegas, Nevada. The orders were followed by a formal banquet in the evening.

Guest of honor for the weekend was our Grand Sovereign, KC James S. De Mond, KGC and his Lady Pat. He was accompanied by KC Ned E. Dull, KGC, Grand Recorder and Lady Moneta Bell, widow of Past Grand Sovereign G. Wilbur Bell; KC Warren D. Lichty, Grand Senior General; and KC Gary D. Hermann Grand Junior General and Lady Bonnie; KC Curtis N. Lancaster, Grand Almoner and Lady Janet.

Intendants General present were KC William LeB. Jenney, KCC, IG in Arizona; KC Philip F. Hofer, KCC, IG in California Southern and Lady Dorothy; KC Loyal D. Sutton, IG in California Northern and Lady

Maggie; KC Robert M. Abernathey, IG in New Mexico; KC Bill F. Baker, IG in Utah, KC William Cody, IG in Colorado; KC William B. Berk, IG in Nevada and Lady Grace.

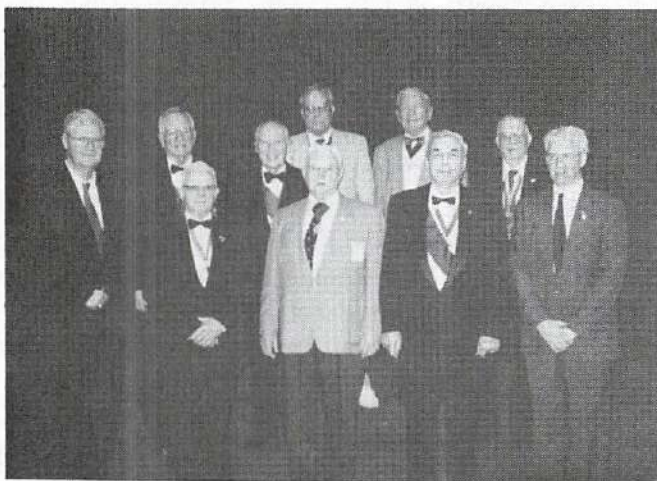
At Saturday evening's formal banquet, KC Philip F. Hofer, IG in California Southern was made a Knight Commander of Constantine and KC Bill F. Baker was commissioned IG in Utah to replace KC Curtis N. Lancaster who was elected Grand Almoner in June.

MISSOURI REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The 14th Annual Regional Assembly of the two Divisions of Missouri held their Assembly at the Ivanhoe Masonic Temple, 8640 Holmes Road in Kansas City, Missouri on the 13th and 14th of August 1999.

A reception was held at the Holiday Inn South with 74 Knights Companions and ladies present, KC James S. De Mond, KGC, Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign and Lady Pat being the honored guests. Besides Grand Sovereign De Mond we had the pleasure of KC Ned E. Dull, KGC, Grand Recorder; the two Intendants General of Missouri, KC Donald L. Hiatte and Lady Barb from Missouri Northern and KC Vern H. Schneider and Lady Nada Sue from Missouri Southern; KC Carveth K. Neer and Lady Joan, Intendant General in Kansas; Past Intendant General KC Donald R. Swanson, KCC of Nebraska; as well as the pilot for the Grand Sovereign, KC Marvin Berger, Viceroy of St. Hilary Conclave and Lady June, and many other distinguished Knights Companions.

On Saturday night at the formal banquet the speaker was our Grand Sovereign who made a very fine talk after which he presented a plaque to the Sovereign of Mary Conclave, KC C. Keith Wilkinson, on the occasion of Mary Conclave's 100 years as a Conclave of the UGIC and presented an appointment as Grand Representative from Victoria Australia to KC Stanton T. Brown, KGC.



Grand Sovereign James S. De Mond, KGC, left, presents the Commission as Grand Represent from Victoria, Australia to KC Stanton T. Brown, KGC, right. KC Ned E. Dull, KGC, Grand Recorder and Lady Johnnie Brown look on.



Grand Sovereign James S. De Mond, KGC, left presents centennial plaque to KC Keith Wilkinson, Past Sovereign of Mary Conclave. KC Ned E. Dull, KGC, Grand Recorder is at the right.

Left to Right: Congressman Ike Skilton, 4th District of Missouri; St. Chrysostm Conclave Candidate; Donald L. Hiatte, IG Missouri Northern; Gerald V. Phillips, DDG Commander, Region 3A, Missouri, Mary Conclave Candidate; Vern H. Schneider, IG Missouri Southern; Carveth K. Neer, IG Kansas; Grand Sovereign James S. De Mond, KGC; Ned E. Dull, KGC, Grand Recorder; Freddie D. Adams, SGW of Missouri, St. Joseph Conclave Candidate, Donald R. Swanson, PIG Nebraska; James Finch, St. Louis Conclave Candidate.

TEMPLARY 2000 CRUSADE

by James Morris Ward, KGC, Past Grand Sovereign
Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, KT, USA



With the approach of the year 2000, Knights Templar have a unique opportunity to positively increase the publicity of our good works, and thus increase our membership. A new century is about to begin, and we should celebrate our Christian Masonic heritage by promoting our mission to "support and defend the Christian religion" to the many not yet in our ranks.

In this spirit, I announced the establishment of the **Templary 2000 Crusade** which will be a nationwide premier event. This will be a cooperative effort which involves the members of our Symbolic Lodges, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, York Rite Colleges, KYCH Pories, and other masonic oriented organizations. The Crusade goals are 2000 new members, and 2000 reinstatements on or about Saturday, February 5, 2000 (or before June 1, 2000.) Special pins will be developed for candidates and top-line signers, along with special certificates. Each grand jurisdiction will devise and implement a Crusade

program. Think of it, over two thousand new Templars knighted in local Asylums on the same day nationwide.

We will promote the **Templary 2000 Crusade** on a continuing basis, but wanted to highlight the program for you, and to request your support of this event in your local Commanderies. Many of these new York Rite Masons may become future leaders, and perhaps in time be invited to become a member of this distinguished organization.

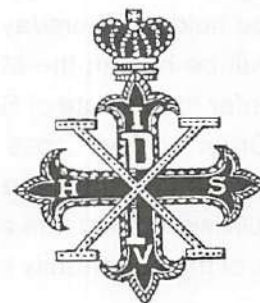
I know this Crusade will be a success because of you! Obtaining or exceeding these goals will make Y2K a truly memorable year. We are all Masons, and must be supportive of all organizations within the family of Freemasonry. We all benefit by working together. Please assist your local Commandery. Invite a non-York Rite Mason to join our ranks, tell him why you did, and then sign his petition.

Michigan Divisional Assembly

The Division of Michigan held their Divisional Assembly at the Sheraton Hotel in Lansing Michigan, home of the Michigan State Spartans, Big Ten Champions in Basketball and currently enjoying some degree of football success. The event was held on July 17, 1999 and was the first such assembly in five years.

The assembly was held under the direction of Intendant General KC Erwin W. O'Dell, and Committee Chairman KC Thomas F. Hamlin of St. Vincent Conclave in Grand Rapids was in charge of the specifics of the arrangements. Each Michigan Conclave had a volunteer representative on the Committee and all worked hard to put together a productive and entertaining Assembly. Michigan plans to hold a Divisional Assembly every three years.

The Conclaves of Michigan decided to contribute \$5.00 per member to a fund to assist the Divisional Committee in their preparations. It was a great way to begin plans with at least somewhat of a treasury balance.



An Invitation

To All Knights Companions:

On behalf of our four Indiana Red Cross Conclaves (St. Hilary, St. James, St. Basil and St. Cyril) and our Intendant General, Knight Companion Robert E. Price, I want to invite you to attend the 128th Annual Assembly of our United Grand Imperial Council. It will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana June 1-3, 2000.

It makes sense that Indianapolis, the Crossroads of America, will be the host for our next United Grand Imperial council. Roads bring visitors, after all, and all roads seem to meet in Indy, making it possible for out-of-towners to get here easily and conveniently whether driving or flying.

Some cities attract visitors with history; others with the latest in shopping and entertainment. Indianapolis supplies plenty of both. What makes Indy special is its central location, and the fact that nothing's out of reach – hopping on the nearest interstate ramp gets visitors where they want to go in about 20 minutes or less.

Our headquarters location will be the new 300 room Indianapolis Marriott North Hotel. You will find that its cherry wood decor provides an atmosphere of elegance and convenience for the Knights Companions and their ladies. It contains all of the modern amenities necessary for your personal comfort, and free parking is included.

Our reservation package cost of \$210 (per person) covers all meals, and entertainment, including two breakfasts. Although we will be conducting the business of our organization, we will also provide ample time for fraternal and social enjoyment. A special luncheon trip and ride around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of the famous Indianapolis 500 and Brickyard 400 NASCAR races and museum, is also planned.

We hope you will plan to attend the 128th Annual Assembly in Indianapolis. You will be glad you did. Hoosier hospitality will greet you, because when you are in Indiana, our house is your house!

Yours in Faith, Unity and Zeal,

James Steward De Mond, KGC
Grand Sovereign

INVITATION TO THE INDIANA ASSEMBLY OF CONCLAVES OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE JUNE 1, 2000

The Conclaves of Indiana invite all who will be attending the 128th Annual Assembly in Indianapolis in June of 2000 to attend the Indiana Divisional Assembly on June 1, 2000. The conferral of the Viceroy and Sovereign degrees, along with the order of the Red Cross, Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, and Knight of St. John the Evangelist, will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2000, the opening day of the U.G.I.C., beginning at 10:30 AM. The assembly will be held in the Marriott North Hotel, site of the United Grand Imperial Council. St. Cyril Conclave will confer the Senate of Sovereigns, a composite cast the College of Viceroys. St. Basil Conclave will confer the Order of Red Cross, St. James Conclave the Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, and St. Hilary Conclave the Knight of St. John the Evangelist. Lunch will be on your own. KC Robert E. Price, Intendant General for the Division of Indiana and the Knights Companions of Indiana invite all who will be attending to avail themselves of the opportunity to view the degrees and orders, and to become a candidate if appropriate.

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is the official publication of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines. It is published twice yearly, in the spring and in the late summer. Its purpose is to inform the members of the Order on the activities of the United Grand Imperial Council at its Annual Assembly held each June, and on the activities of the several regions, divisions and Conclaves.

Contribution of material, including text and photographs, is earnestly solicited from all corners of the Order. Send proposed material to the Editor: Frederick G. Kleyn at 11073 Plum Tree Ln, Spring Valley CA 91977-7047, telephone (619) 461-5724, Fax (619) 461-9371. E-mail: fkleyn@home.com

We would like to have articles on any unusual activities of a Conclave, and on all divisional and regional assemblies. Photographs are most welcome and should, if possible, be black and white glossy prints and should be captioned completely as to the identity of the subjects of the photograph, its date, location, the activity it represents, etc.

Submissions should be in the hands of the editor not later than the end of February for the Spring issue, and not later than the end of July for the Fall issue. If you have something you'd like to have in an issue, and you are going to be close to the deadline (or a few days after the deadline) please contact the editor well prior to the deadline to arrange for a late submission. He will work to accommodate your needs, but the need for prompt delivery to the printer must take precedence over all other considerations.

SCHEDULE OF REGIONAL AND DIVISIONAL ASSEMBLIES

Date	Division/Region	Site	Contact
July-August 2000	Southwest Regional	Albuquerque, NM	Robert M. Abernathey
June 1, 2000	Indiana Divisional	Indianapolis, IN	Robert E. Price
August 4-5, 2000	Missouri Regional	Springfield, MO	Donald L. Hiatte
	Nebraska Divisional	Grand Island, NE	Keith J. Herbster
October 23, 1999	Ohio Divisional	Lima, OH	Richard G. Dennis
November 5-7, 1999	Northeast Regional	Grantville, PA	William E. Yeager, Jr., KGC
March 17-18, 2000	Northwest Regional	Richland, WA	Horace Wendell Patch
This schedule is updated each issue to show all known divisional/regional assemblies. If yours is not listed, let us know.			

Please Mail this form to:

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CONCLAVE 2000 REGISTRATION

128th Annual Assembly
United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine
June 1-4, 2000
Marriott Hotel - Indianapolis North
3645 River Crossing Parkway, Indianapolis, IN 46240
(317) 705-0000 FAX (317) 705-0032
<http://marriott-hotels.com/INDNO/>

Please Type or Print

Name: _____ Lady's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____ - ____ Business Phone: (____) ____ - ____ Ext: ____

Name & Location of Conclave: _____

Are you (check as appropriate): Sovereign ☐ Viceroy ☐ Past Sovereign ☐

Office in other National Masonic Body: _____

How will you arrive? Car ☐ (free parking) Registration fee enclosed: \$ _____
Air ☐ (\$210.00 per person)

If by air:

Airline _____ Flight No. _____ Arrival Date: _____ Arrival Time: _____ AM/PM

Airline _____ Flight No. _____ Depart Date: _____ Depart Time: _____ AM/PM

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CONCLAVE 2000 COMMITTEE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: MAY 1, 2000

- ☐ I/We will attend the Indiana Annual Assembly, Thursday morning, June 1, 2000
- ☐ I/We will attend the Grand Sovereign's Reception, Thursday evening, June 1, 2000
- ☐ I/We will attend the breakfast on Friday, June 2, 2000
- ☐ I will attend the Knight Companions' Luncheon on Friday, June 2, 2000
- ☐ My Lady will attend the Ladies' Luncheon on Friday, June 2, 2000
- ☐ I/We will attend the dinner and entertainment on Friday evening, June 2, 2000
- ☐ I/We will attend the breakfast on Saturday, June 3, 2000
- ☐ I/We will attend the bus tour and luncheon on Saturday, June 3, 2000
- ☐ I/We will attend the formal banquet on Saturday evening, June 3, 2000
- ☐ I/We will attend Sunday Divine Service on Sunday morning, June 4, 2000, 9:00 AM

**Red Cross Conclave 2000
Indianapolis, Indiana
Travel Request**

Name: _____
(List all names of persons traveling with you)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Day: _____ Phone Evening: _____

Departure Date: _____ Return Date: _____

Departure Time: Early AM ☐ Mid AM ☐ Mid Afternoon ☐ Night ☐

Return Time: Early AM ☐ Mid AM ☐ Mid Afternoon ☐ Night ☐

Departure City: _____

Car Rental Type: Economy ☐ Mid Size ☐ Full Size ☐ Luxury ☐ Other ☐

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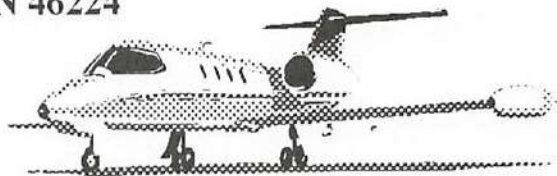
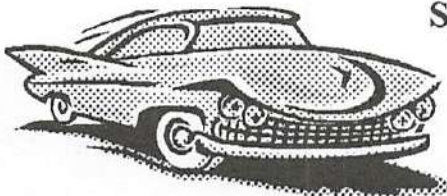
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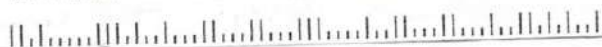
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