

ALABAMA SUPPLEMENT



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THE GRAND PRELATE'S APARTMENT

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. (Isaiah 9:2)

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! (Eph. 5:8)

Those that lack the gospel, walk in darkness, and are in the utmost danger. But when the gospel comes to any place, to any soul, light comes. Let us earnestly pray that it may shine into our hearts, and make us wise unto salvation. The gospel brings joy with it. Those who would have joy, must expect to go through hard work, as the husbandman, before he has the joy of harvest; and hard conflict, as the soldier, before he emerges victorious. The Jews were delivered from the yoke of many oppressors; this was a shadow of the believer's deliverance from the yoke of Satan. The cleansing of the souls of believers from the power and pollution of sin, would be by the influence of the Holy Spirit, as purifying fire. These great things for the church would be done by the Messiah, Emmanuel. The Child would be born; it was certain; and the church would benefit by his nativity. Isaiah 9:2 is part of a prophecy of him and of his kingdom, which those that waited for the consolation of Israel read with pleasure. This Child was born for the benefit of us men, of us sinners, of all believers, from the beginning to the end of the world. He is God, one with the Father. As the Prince of Peace, he reconciles us to God; he is the giver of peace in the heart and conscience; and when his kingdom is at last fully established, men shall learn war no more. The exact agreement of this prophecy with the doctrine of the New Testament shows that Jewish prophets and Christian teachers had the same view of the person and salvation of the Messiah. Give then, O Lord, to thy people to know thee by thy presence and power. Give increase of grace in every heart of thy redeemed upon earth.

--Adapted from Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary

Sir Knights, recall that as we progressed through the Blue Lodge degrees, we were continually in search of "light". As we continued our quest in the York Rite, we learned first of the light of the Father, imparted through the Old Testament, and then of the light from the Son, as shown forth in the gospel of the New Testament. May we as Christian soldiers enlisted under his banner ever continue to seek his light, wielding our knightly swords to protect the destitute and helpless, and living as becomes people of the light!

In His Name,
George L. Marshall, Jr., PGC, KCT, ADC
Grand Prelate

IN OUR HANDS

Into the hands of every individual is given a marvelous power for good or for evil, the silent, unconscious, unseen influence of his life. This is simply the constant radiation of what a man really is, not what he pretends to be. Every man by his mere living is radiating sympathy, or sorrow, or morbidness, or cynicism, or happiness, or hope, or any of a hundred other qualities. Life is a state of constant radiation and absorption; to exist is to radiate; to exist is to be the recipient of radiations.

William George Jordan

TRUTH

In the search for truth, the means often become the end.

-Max Lucado
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ALABAMA PRIORY 31, KYCH ANNUAL MEETING

Alabama Priory No. 31, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, held its annual meeting on Saturday, March 13, at the Birmingham Metro Masonic Center. After opening the Priory and introducing the state and national dignitaries present, Prior Ken Lowmiller conducted the usual business of the Priory. Several nominations for membership were presented and balloted upon. Those elected will be inducted at the July meeting. Eminent Knight Lowmiller introduced Eminent Knight Bobby Simmons, PGM of Masons in Georgia and the personal representative of the Grand Master-General of the Convent-General, KYCH. Eminent Knight Simmons complimented the Priory on the good work it was doing as well as the excellent attendance at the meeting today.

Election of officers for 2010-2011 was then held with the following being elected:

Eminent Prior: Roger Simmons, PGM, KYGCH(4)
Deputy Prior: Raymond C. Dunn, KYGCH(1)
Warder: George Marshall, Jr., KYGCH(2)
Treasurer/Registrar: Emory J. Ferguson, MEPGMG, KGC, KYGCH(3)
Prelate: Teddy Grogan, Jr., PGM, KYGCH(3)
Orator: Ron Thomas, KYCH
Herald: Jack C. Wade, KYGCH(1)

The officers were installed by Most Eminent Past Grand Master-General, Emory J. Ferguson, with Eminent Knight Simmons acting as installing Marshal.

CYRENE COMMANDERY EASTER OBSERVANCE

Cyrene Commandery held its Easter Observance for Birmingham Metro York Rite Bodies at 6:00 PM on Good Friday, April 2nd, at Birmingham Metro Temple. The fellowship at this observance was enjoyed by all and was a wonderful way to begin Easter weekend when we observe the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ's miraculous resurrection. It was an open meeting with the ladies of the York Rite Ladies Auxiliary preparing and serving the meal.

ANNUAL MEETING FOR BIRMINGHAM METRO YORK RITE BODIES

Birmingham Metro York Rite Bodies have called their annual assembly for June 19th at Birmingham Metro York Rite Temple located at 3430 Ratliff Road. The meeting will be at 9:00 A. M. to elect officers for the ensuing year and conduct all of the annual business mandated by the by-laws and any regular business that may come before the Bodies.

THE BIRMINGHAM METRO YORK RITE LADIES AUXILIARY

The Birmingham Metro York Rite Ladies Auxiliary plays an important part in the endeavors of their men, as they conduct the business of their fraternal obligations. The Auxiliary was created to help York Rite Masonry. As it earns money by catering meals, it then spends the money to better the York Rite Building. It also provide money, hospitality food, and gifts to help support the Grand York Rite Meeting that is held each year in February.

Its members are the wives, sisters, mothers, and friends of Masons. The meetings are at 9:00 AM on the third Saturday of each month, the same time that the men meet. The ladies have found that the men's attendance is more frequent if their wife or lady friend attends with them. The ladies meet in the Conference Room, while the men meet in the Lodge Room, and afterwards all gather with the men in the Dining Room for lunch. If you have anyone interested in membership, they can contact President Violet Spencer (205/822-7112), or Secretary Anne George (205/853-3480).

The Auxiliary has had a great year under the leadership of President Violet Spencer. The Ladies participated in a Fashion Show at the Grand York Rite in February, put on by Coldwater Creek, and they were there to support Peggy Gore while Owen Gore presided as Grand Commander of Alabama. A couple of times a year the ladies treat themselves for all their hard work by taking a shopping trip, or a group lunch. This year the Shopping trip will be in November and will be a 2 day trip to the Sevierville.

PEOPLE

People will forget what you say. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel.

- Contributed by Cath Sleeth